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Celebrating suffragette mayor

ONE of Honiton's most famous historical figures will be remembered at an exciting event hosted by current mayor, Councillor Caroline Kolek.

Clr Kolek will host a screening of the box office hit *Suffragette*, which dramatises the story of the votes for women campaign in the early 20th century.

Juanita Maxwell Phillips, who was mayor an incredible 11 times, took part in events depicted in the film – including a demonstration outside the House of Commons.

Clr Kolek and town clerk Chetna Jones will also be launching a special fund to restore the payoral portrait of Mrs Phillips, pictured right, and it is hoped that the restored painting will hang in a prominent place in the Beehive 50 years on from her passing in 1966.

by Peter Hodges
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The wife of local solicitor Tom Phillips, a blue plaque on Honiton High Street claims Mrs Phillips was arrested several times for her suffrage activities.

Historian Dr Julia Neville, who has written a book entitled 'Viva Juanita' will also speak at the event and will tell the audience the story of how before becoming the town's first female mayor, Mrs Phillips presided over the first suffragette meeting in Honiton and chaired the Exeter branch of the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), a militant branch of the suffragette movement.

In 1913 Mrs Phillips was also involved in the picketing of Exeter Prison when the movement's leader Emmeline Pankhurst – played in the film by Meryl Streep – was held there.

Upon her release, Mrs Pankhurst was accompanied by Juanita from Exeter train station to London where Mrs Pankhurst gave a speech outside the House of Commons.

Caroline Merry de Bayer, Juanita's great niece, will be travelling from Oxford to attend the event and will provide a first hand account of Mrs Phillips entitled 'Memories of my great aunt Johnny, the Honiton Suffragette.'

Dr Neville said: "Juanita had grown up in London, which was probably where she first became interested in 'Votes for Women', a movement in which her elder sisters played an active part.

"Like Maud (played by Carey Mulligan in the film *Suffragette*) she took part in the demonstrations in London where Mrs Pankhurst and the WSPU members lobbied the Government to keep their elec-

tion promise to bring in legislation to extend the vote to women. She may, as it says on the plaque on Sudbury Lawn, her Honiton home, have been arrested herself."

Dr Neville continued: "Juanita's background was quite different from that of the fictional Maud. Juanita came from a wealthy family who'd made their fortune in South America and settled back in London.

"But, as the film shows, the cause of 'Votes for Women' united women from every class – the well-off woman of leisure, the professional woman, and the manual worker."

"It opened the eyes of many women to the very different lives of women in other classes. It may have been through meeting working class women in the Women's Social and Political Union in London that Juanita chose to volunteer during the early years of the First World War in the social clubs set up for girl factory workers in the East End.

"It was certainly her experience of meeting women whose lives were so very different to her own that drove her to campaign in later life for better housing and fairer terms of employment."

The event takes place on Friday, January 29th from 6pm to 7pm in the Beehive Auditorium. The café bar will be open before the film is shown. The film starts at 7:30pm with tickets available from the Beehive; pre booking is recommended.



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Heather, who picked up a silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics in the Modern Pentathlon, spent time with Year Ten PE students and a handful of Junior Sports Academy students, teaching them the six key steps to success along with a few fencing moves.

In the afternoon, Heather spoke to the BTEC Sport sixth form students about their current unit of work, Sports De-

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frastructure that is in place at elite level and the barriers that she'd overcome.



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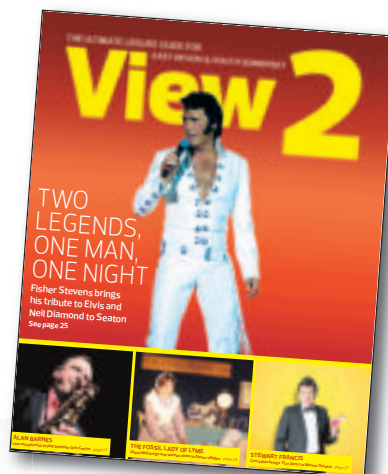
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HONITON: Former Honiton school student Jo Davey is on top of the world after her final accountancy exam results saw her finish with a result ranked in the top five globally



AXMINSTER: Lions vice president and Tesco community champion Paul Jennings gave Axminster Food Bank a boost with £30 worth of supplies, after he was presented with a gift card



BEER: Horticultural Society president Ursula Makepeace has thanked villagers for their support with the table top sale held at the Mariners' Hall on Saturday



CREWKERNE: Gail Coleshill, secretary of the Friends of Crewkerne Station, delivers questionnaires on re-franchising the West of England mainline

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Quotes of the week...

“It is very popular with the younger children, they love it.”

Kate McFarlane, headteacher at Seaton Primary School where the new £15,000 playground is proving a big hit

“We understand people won't appreciate the work while it's taking place, but hopefully they will support our end goal – which is to make sure the town has a road system fit for the future.”

Councillor David Fothergill, Somerset County Council's Cabinet member for highways, as roads around Yeovil undergo upgrades over the winter

“With customers as prestigious as the Royal Household, we continue to have a very bright future ahead of us.”

Axminster Carpets director Josh Dutfeld, after the company featured, along with the local train station, on BBC2's 'great British Railways'

“Some might think that Shakespeare is difficult to understand and old-fashioned, but not in this production.”

Alex Jackson, director of Honiton Community Theatre, which is seeking cast members for an updated version of Twelfth Night set on a paradise holiday island complete with modernised script and pop songs

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SIDMOUTH

Town council seeks volunteers for plan

SIDMOUTH Town Council is launching a recruitment drive to find community volunteers to help support the Neighbourhood Plan, starting with an information event tonight, January 19th.

The council is keen that the newly announced project is run by the community with the support of councillors, to ensure the plan itself is meaningful and relevant to the people of Sidmouth.

To help understand the process and to allow people to find out more, Sidmouth Town Council has organised a public event tonight to be held at Teresa's Church Hall, Connaught Road at 7pm (doors will open at 6:45pm for tea and coffee).

During the event, the aims of the Neighbourhood Plan will be outlined and there will be opportunities to ask questions.

Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Forum, Councillor Louise Cole, said the process of creating the plan must be owned by the whole community.

She said: "We know that there are lots of people in Sidmouth who have great skills to help us. We now have the funding and a statutory framework for it to happen."

From the editor's chair Closure for Genette's family?



WITH a 50-year career behind me in journalism, people often ask me what is the biggest story I have covered.

There are many that stick in my mind. The runaway lorry that crashed into The London in Lyme Regis; the French jet which crashed onto a garage in Crewkerne; the mysterious death of a stranger who garroted herself in a Lyme Regis beach hut; the plane packed with holidaymakers which crash landed at Ottery St Mary.

The most disturbing, however, was the murder of Aylesbeare schoolgirl Genette Tate.

At the time I was the editor of the Sidmouth Herald and was called off the cricket pitch in Uplyme by my boss, the late Jimmy Hall, a brilliant newspaperman, on that August afternoon in 1978.

Her disappearance whilst delivering the Express & Echo around the village dominated the columns of the Sidmouth Herald and other newspapers covering East Devon for several months.

The Genette Tate case became Devon & Cornwall's longest unsolved crime until recently when the police were about to submit a case against convicted child killer Robert Black, but he died days before he was due to be charged.

I shall never forget the daunting picture of Genette's bike lying abandoned in that Devon lane where she was snatched in daylight.

In a bid to give Genette's family some peace, the Devon & Cornwall Constabulary will still submit their file on Black to the Crown Prosecution Service.

● THE mural has gone up on the old Webster's Garage site in Axminster as the people of Axminster wait patiently for the former town centre eyesore to open as a temporary car park. Apparently there are still a few planning matters to resolve.

I had an interesting discussion about Webster's with one of the town's leading lights who said there was growing support for an idea that Axminster's Thursday street market should be transferred to the former garage site combined with a farmer's market. After all, they reasoned, did Axminster really need another car park?

I'm not sure how Lord of The Manor Jim Rowe, who owns the market rights, would view such a radical suggestion. I have to say, I don't think it's likely to happen.

PHILIP EVANS

OTTERY St MARY

School crossing cuts anger councillor

OTTERY St Mary's county councillor has criticised plans by the local authority to remove the school crossing patrol officer based at Tip Hill Crossroads.

Councillor Claire Wright made the statement in response to Devon County Council's school crossing consultation relating to Ottery St Mary.

On her personal blog, Cllr Wright said: "I am very concerned about the safety of children making their way to Ottery Primary School in Longdogs Lane by having to cross the road at the Tip Hill Crossroads."

AXMINSTER

Superfast fibre broadband comes to town

SUPERFAST fibre broadband has enjoyed a massive expansion in Axminster.

As part of Connecting Devon and Somerset's (CDS) multi-million pound roll-out, the connection of a town centre cabinet means that more than 4,300 households and businesses in and around the town will be able to access speeds of up to 80Mbps before the end of the year.

The connection of the roadside cabinet is seen as a milestone as it is the 1,000th cabinet to go live as part of the project.

A CDS spokesperson said: "Axminster is the latest community to benefit from fibre broadband thanks to the multimillion pound roll-out from Connecting Devon and Somerset."

"More than 1,700 households and businesses in the town already have access to faster fibre broadband speeds of up to 80Mbps, with the roll-

SOUTH SOMERSET

Support for vision of the future

COUNTY councillors have offered their support for a bold and ambitious four-year vision for Somerset.

Somerset County Council's (SCC) Cabinet has backed the vision, aiming to put the authority at the heart of work to create a Somerset university, new business parks, new energy initiatives and more around the county.

The vision is part of the County Plan 2016-2020, which will be considered for approval by full council in February.

out expected to reach more than 4,300 premises in the Axminster area during 2016."

The programme is making "excellent progress" to provide faster broadband to the 'final third' of premises unlikely to benefit from the private sector's commercial broadband investment, the majority in rural locations.

Since its launch in 2013, CDS has made superfast fibre optic broadband available to more than 221,000 households and businesses - and the number is continuing to grow rapidly.

SEATON

Council approves town hall deal

SEATON Town Council has unanimously and formally approved the town hall deal brokered just before Christmas.

The extraordinary meeting of the town council on January 11th had to be moved downstairs to the main hall because the room upstairs could not cope with the number of people present.

About 50 people attended what proved to be a brief and controversy free meeting.

Just before Christmas, East Devon District Council, Seaton Town Council, Seaton's Voice and Seaton Museum reached an agreement in principle to secure a long-term future for the venue as a public building, beneficial to the local community.

The agreement was based on the transfer of the freehold interest of Seaton Town Hall from East Devon District Council to Seaton Town Council, without charge.

Seaton Town Council will concurrently agree a long lease on the town hall to Seaton's Voice, excluding the current area occupied by the museum.

This will secure the future of The Gateway entertainment venue and the use of the hall by community groups.

Town councillors agreed unanimously to pass a five-point motion which will get it all rolling.

Councillor Martin Shaw said: "I support the resolution, it is important that the town council and Seaton's Voice can work in partnership."

The deal will see the town council relocate to Marshlands, which it recently bought from Devon County Council.

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Parachutist died after being knocked out during jump

AN inquest into the death of a 61-year-old man has heard that he was killed after his parachute opened too quickly and knocked him unconscious.

Chris Jones died at Dukeswell Aerodrome, near Honiton, of multiple injuries after hitting the ground on a jump from 6,000ft.

The Coroner Dr Elizabeth Erland passed a narrative verdict.

She said "the fast hard opening of the parachute was due to the manner of its packing" and concluded Mr Jones' death was "instantaneous".

Mr Jones had packed the parachute himself. She also said she hoped this case would highlight the dangers of the sport and encourage those taking part to be aware of the proper packing of parachutes.

Mr Jones had made 1,021 parachute jumps since 1987, the inquest in Exeter heard.

A report by the British Parachute Association (BPA) found no fault with the equipment.

Jeffrey Montgomery, BPA safety and technical officer, said: "If he had been conscious he could have released the right toggle which was causing the problem."

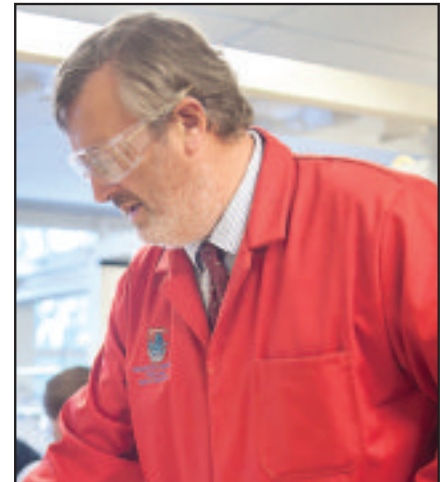
Mr Montgomery said Mr Jones had experienced "an almost instantaneous opening of his parachute", which could have caused him to fall unconscious. He said parachutes should normally take between four and five seconds to fully open.

Joseph Graves, who was the drop zone controller at the airfield, told the hearing he saw Mr Jones freefall for 19 seconds before his parachute opened.

He said it soon began to spiral and "it continued to spiral but Chris did not seem to make any move".

Mr Montgomery said such "hard" openings could be caused by untidy packing of a parachute and could "take your breath away".

Another witness Andrew Shaw told the court that



TEACHER Chris Jones died after his parachute opened too quickly

by Peter Hodges

Mr Jones' parachute had been repaired after a previous hard opening in April last year.

He had also been advised to look at the way he packed his parachute but it had been marked as serviceable less than a week before his death, the inquest heard.

A post-mortem examination found Mr Jones suffered with moderately severe coronary problems but the pathologist could not be sure they had caused him to lose consciousness during the descent.

Mr Jones, from Pontyclun, Rhondda Cynon Taf in South Wales, was head of Chemistry at Welling-ton School, in Somerset.

Jo finishes top five in the world in accounting exams

A FORMER Honiton school student is on top of the world after her final accountancy exam results saw her finish with a result ranked in the top five globally.

Figures from the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) show that Jo Davey, 24, came fourth out of 3,800 students worldwide who took the globally-recognised exams.

Jo, is now a fully-qualified accountant and now works in the Thomas Westcott Axminster office.

Jo said: "I'd studied extremely hard so had a good idea I'd done well in the exams but it was still a shock to learn I'd not only come top in the whole of the South West, but had finished in the top five in the world.

"Gaining my full professional qualifications has been tough going at times but my colleagues have been very supportive and, as a firm, Thomas Westcott has given me every opportunity to succeed, including allowing time off to attend special training in Gloucestershire, for which I'm very grateful."



JO Davey (left) came fourth out of nearly 4,000 students who took the globally recognised exam. Jo is pictured with Shona Godefroy

There was previous success for Jo's colleague Mark Johnstone, who works in the firm's Exeter office, who also sat the ICAEW exams and finished just outside the top 10 globally in 11th place last year.

Jo grew up in Honiton and at-

tended the town's secondary school before studying maths, physics and biology at Exeter College. After college Jo gained a place at Plymouth University, where she studied accounting and finance, before joining Thomas Westcott as a trainee in 2012.

At any time, Thomas Westcott, which also has "training office" status under ICAEW rules and is authorised for training and post-qualification training by the ACCA and AAT, has 20 or more trainees learning their profession across its network of offices.

"Ever since she started at our firm Jo has shown a positive attitude, professional approach and a desire to succeed," said Shona Godefroy, Thomas Westcott's partner in charge of training.

She added: "We have a culture and track record of attracting the best talent into the firm and both Jo and Mark are perfect examples of the kind of young, bright and ambitious professionals who give our clients peace of mind that they receive the very best advice as well as ensuring the firm's future prosperity."

New libraries service adds to team

LIBRARIES Unlimited, the new independent public service mutual set up by Devon County Council and tasked with delivering Devon's library service from April, has recruited four independent trustees to join its board.

Two staff trustees and two community trustees will also join the board after being elected as representatives by their peers.

Alongside the organisation's new Chief Executive, Ciara Eastell, and the board's Chairman, Julie Dent, they will work with library staff to deliver a modern, vibrant and sustain-

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able library service for Devon.

Julie said: "I am so pleased to welcome our new trustees to the board. They bring with them a wealth of skills that will be vital to the success of Libraries Unlimited."

Ciara added: "The board will be collectively responsible for setting and reviewing the organisation's strategic direction in line with its

charitable objectives, which is a challenging task."

Those with an East Devon connection include community trustees Diane Dean and Jonathan Stoneman.

Diane is a business woman who, along with her husband, ran a successful retail business for 30 years.

Volunteering is an important part of Diane's life and she has previously volunteered for the Samaritans, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and was an Exeter Red Coat Guide.

She recently opened a memory cafe in Colyton and is a committee member of Colyton Friends Group.

Jonathan is a member of the Friends of Ottery St Mary Library group.

He worked for the BBC for 20 years, specialising mainly in central and eastern Europe.

He reported for World Service from almost every country of the former



■ THE BOARD: Back row left to right – David Lockwood, Jonathan Stoneman, Steve Wallwork, Rachel Kidd, Emily Williams and Ann Draisey. Front row left to right – Ciara Eastell, Diane Dean, Janet Fisher and Julie Dent

Warsaw Pact during the 1990s, before moving on to run the Macedonian and then the Croatian language services.

From 2002 Jonathan ran the training team dedicated to the needs of World Service staff and became fascinated by the art of training journalists.

He left the BBC in 2010 to become a freelance trainer, and since then he has worked increasingly with data – learning about the growing world of data journalism and the Open Data movement.

For more information about Libraries Unlimited, and the new Board, please visit <https://new.devon.gov.uk/futurelibraries/>

Devon NHS must still 'make improvements'

ENGLAND's Chief Inspector of Hospitals has told Devon Partnership NHS Trust that it must make improvements to some services following an inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

Overall, the trust has been rated as Requires Improvement for providing safe and effective services, and rated Good for being caring, responsive and well led.

Inspectors found that Devon Partnership Trust had made significant and positive changes since its last comprehensive inspection by CQC in 2014 with the trust board having a clear strategy for improvement.

A team of CQC inspectors, specialist advisors and experts by experience visited hospitals and community services provided by

Devon Partnership NHS Trust during July and August 2015.

They assessed the services provided in all mental health wards for adults of working age, for older adults and for people with learning disability, long stay rehabilitation wards and forensic secure services.

As part of the inspection they also visited community mental health services for adults of working age, older people and people with learning disability teams and the crisis intervention services and the health based place of safety provision.

Full reports of the inspection including ratings for all core services are available at: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/provider/RWV>

Folk and Jam back at Seaton

A NEW year is the time for new beginnings, which is why Jurassic Jam and Folk nights will be merged and move back to Seaton.

Jurassic Folk started in Seaton, but moved to Beer. Andrew and June Mycroft, who help organise the sessions, jointly said: "The organising body came up with important changes."

"It was decided that we should move back to Seaton, where parking is more readily available, and the roads are better, so we will move to Eyre Court in Seaton."

"It has an air-conditioned conservatory in which we will meet."

It was also decided that they should merge the jam and folk nights.

Andrew and June said: "This will make for more varied evenings."

"New Jurassic Folk and Jam will run on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, except in August."

"Do come along on the January 20th, for our first night in the new venue."

"It is hoped that being in Seaton will attract more folk, whether they be singers, instrumentalists or spectators."

"All are welcome. We hope to have a large crowd of performers and spectators."

"Flyers will be available on the evening for all to hand out or display."

"We look forward to seeing on January 20th at 8pm. This will be the start of an exciting new experience."

"It will be a night to remember."

If you want to know more you can either visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com or telephone Andrew or June on 01404 46451 or 07976 533520.

Free farm valuations

SYMONDS & Sampson will again hold its Free Farm Valuation Week for possible sales of farms, estates, smallholdings, land and rural properties with land.

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Cast needed to help bring Shakespeare up to date

HONITON Community Theatre Company (HCTC) are searching for a talented new cast of actors and singers to take part in their next theatrical project.

The company will undertake the challenge of one of William Shakespeare's most famous comedies 'Twelfth Night', to coincide with the 400th anniversary of the great playwright's death.

HCTC are not just looking for a talented cast, as a dedicated crew is also needed to help support the production by making costumes, props and the set.

For anyone interested in joining the production there will be an information afternoon at The Beehive on January 24th at 4:30pm. The event will provide interested parties details on which parts are available to audition for, the songs that will be added to the show, the ideas and concepts behind the production and when rehearsals will

be. The production itself is set for May where two performances will take place with the potential to take the show on tour around local villages afterwards.

Twelfth Night follows the story of Viola who arrives on a foreign island and is involved in a love story which sees some of Shakespeare's funniest writing. Cross-dressing, disguises, and shocking surprises all feature in the plot, although the script for this production will be cut down to make it more accessible, it will feature live pop and rock music as well.

Open auditions for the show will be held and anyone is welcome to take part no matter how much experience they have on stage or off.

Director Alex Jackson said: "Some might think that Shakespeare is difficult to understand and old-fashioned, but not in this production. We're bringing the play bang up to date with a mod-

ern setting of a paradise holiday island and a cut-down, easy-to-understand script which we'll work on together to celebrate a bit of Shakespeare in style."

Barbara Simmonds, HCTC's Chairperson said: "This year celebrates 400 years since Shakespeare died so we thought we'd challenge ourselves and perform one of Shakespeare's well known comedies. With much confusion and an ill-fated love story, the brilliant writing unwinds the tale to a very satisfactory conclusion. Why not join us in the challenge and confusion and make some good friends along the way."

For more information you can follow HCTC on social media or visit their website honitontheatre.co.uk.

Any enquiries will be answered via email (info@honitontheatre.co.uk).

Raise funds and break a record with PDSA

NATIONAL Vet charity PDSA will be using an airfield near Honiton to try to cement themselves in the world record books.

PDSA, which will aim to raise money for sick or injured pets, has places available for a tandem skydive taking place all day on Monday June 20th at Dunkseswell

Airfield. The world record attempt is for the most people to skydive from 15,000 feet in a single day.

If interested in this event, PDSA are asking individuals to fundraise for the charity to help their cause.

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of the ultimate skydive, and those who have always wanted to face their fears and jump out of a plane can do it in style, with the chance of being a record-breaker in the process.

Places are limited, so call 01952 797453 find out more and reserve a place.



Every little helps from Lions and Tesco

■ EVERY year since Tesco opened in the town, Honiton and District Lions have worked with the supermarket chain to raise funds to benefit local people and their projects which would have been financially out of reach by the club.

As a thank you for the ongoing co-operation between the Lions and Tesco Honiton, the club has donated £500 towards the two charities sponsored by Tesco, Diabetes UK and the British Heart Foundation.

From left to right in the picture, Julia Giles, Lion Brian Richard and Alison McKenzie.



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Gallery awaits funding for community garden

AMBITIOUS plans have been unveiled by the Thelma Hulbert Gallery (THG) to create a 'pocket park' community garden.

The designs envisage a community garden with local wildflowers and fruit trees, and interactive areas for families, with bug hotels, live willow archways and edible plants.

The new-look garden will also feature raised vegetable beds for green-fingered groups and 'peaceful seating spaces' for visitors to enjoy the space.

THG is aiming to incorporate its heritage into the design and plan to 'revive' aspects of the original Georgian garden design, using recently discovered garden plans for Elmfield House, where THG is based.

Emma Molony, project coordinator, said: "The project is entirely externally funded through donations from wildlife, environmental, arts and local trusts. The local charitable trusts include The Mullins Trust, The Battishorne Trust, The Northbrook Trust, as well as grants from AONB East Devon, The Edward Cook Trust and Devon County

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Council's locality budget."

Emma continued: "In total, we have raised £15,800. We are also waiting to hear in February about two grant applications – one to a charity called Grow Wild (supported by lottery funding and led by Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew to inspire communities to transform local spaces with native wild flowers) and one to Pocket Parks, a government initiative to develop green spaces in urban areas. This would be for a further total of £16,620. As well as landscaping and planting, some of the funding is to deliver community workshops in the garden and run educational activities outside."

THG will be working with artists to create site-specific work in the garden with groups as well as East Devon District Council's education rangers, who will run nature trails and activities.

The garden has been designed by artist Anna Wardrop. Her portfolio includes gardens for Shoreditch House and River Café in London, as well as other UK wildlife gardens.

Emma added: "We welcome the local community to get involved either as a volunteer or as a local business interested in sponsoring seating, flowerbeds, lighting and more. We'll be continuing our fundraising efforts this year as we'd still like to install a child-safe pond, lots of innovative seating, more interactive live plant structures for children, night-time garden lighting and sensory pathways for visitors with little or no sight."

Plans will get underway in February.

Auctioneer and retirement home join forces

A HONITON auctioneers is holding a special antique valuation event in association with a retirement development, Holyshute Lodge.

This is an opportunity for any local person to have a free valuation and get expert advice on some of their treasured items.

Phillip Geise, Lifestyle Events Manager at Churchill Retirement Living, said: "It's ideal for anyone who is thinking about downsizing – a good reason to look through any antique items at home and a chance to find out if they are of value. It's also a chance to enjoy refreshments and a chat, and even take a look at the development."

The antiques valuation is taking place in the Owners Lounge at Holyshute Lodge and is the second time that the two firms have worked together in this way.

The valuation event is being held on Tuesday, January 26th from 10am to 1pm

The drop in valuation event is being held on Tuesday January 26 at Holyshute Lodge in Langford Road, Honiton from 10.30am to 1pm, with the latest arrival time of 12.45pm. Guests are encouraged to bring a maximum of four items to be valued. To help gauge numbers, the organisers would be grateful for an RSVP on 01404 808941.

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Branscombe pub to host Cancer Research fundraiser

POPULAR Branscombe pub The Fountain Head is holding a charity night in aid of Cancer Research UK.

'A Night at the Fountain' on Friday, February 5th will include a three course meal, quiz, auction and live music, with head chef Austin Ough hoping to raise well in excess of £2,000. "Every penny of the £20 cost of the meal is going to Cancer

by Kevin Fahey

Research UK, so with 70 tickets available that is already £1,400," said Ough.

"We have been given some great prizes for the auction donated by customers, suppliers and local people, so I'm hoping that we can add on another £1,000 or so for a great charity and we also have a good raffle.

"It should be a great night out and a lot of fun."

Landlords Teresa Hoare and Jon Woodley said they had already received a lot of positive feedback about the charity evening and ticket sales had been brisk.

"Tickets need to be booked in advance so if anyone is interested they should all us on 01297 680359," said Teresa.



■ Chef Austin Ough, bar man Graham Williams and landlords Jon Woodley and Teresa Hoare at The Fountain Head

Town council by-election set for February 11th

A BY-ELECTION has been called for Thursday, February 11th to fill the vacancy on Seaton Town Council.

The candidates are Eric Bowman of Marsh Road and Jack Rowland of Albion Close.

The vacancy arose last year when John Macdougall, who had been elected in May, resigned, saying he was unhappy with the way the council handled the town hall transfer project and the purchase of the Marshlands

building.

He became the second councillor to resign during this term, former mayor Gaynor Sedgwick having left shortly after the election in May.

Councillor Sedgwick was replaced by councillor Martin Shaw through co-option.

But at least ten electors requested a by-election following Mr Macdougall's resignation, which means that one must be held.

Future looking up for social club

THE future of Beer Social Club is looking a lot brighter after a successful annual general meeting on Wednesday.

A good turnout, which saw around 40 people pack into the club, saw a new committee appointed with trustee Ted Salter returning as chairman, Karen Harding remaining as secretary and Natalie Bond as treasurer.

It was also decided that a professional surveyor would be called in to make a detailed look at the facilities to see whether they are fit and proper for use and outline what options there may be in streamlining the club to safeguard its future.

Those options will be for a future

meeting to discuss but crucially for the present there was a strong 'feel-good' buzz at the meeting and former membership secretary and member Jenny Harding said everyone who attended was left with a great deal of optimism about the role of the social club in the community.

"The club now has a very strong and enthusiastic committee and it was a brilliant meeting buzzing with ideas," said Jenny.

"The turnout was a very solid vote of confidence for the club and the committee who are going to run it.

"The finances were presented

and accepted by the members. It has been a tough year but we are still a going concern."

The success of the AGM on Wednesday stood in stark contrast to the last meeting which was poorly attended and came after the bar steward had stepped down from his job.

That prompted all sorts of speculation about the future of the facility but those fears have been quashed and the new committee will be looking at ways

to attract new members and people to come to the club in Berry Hill.

Also at the meeting Colin Tins was appointed president of the club while the committee will comprise Avril Cook, Jess Llewellyn, Matthew Hales, Emma Westlake, James Absalom, Sam Carlin, Linda Bartlett, Elliot Kingsley and Mark Tins.



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New playground is a hit

THE new £15,000 playground at Seaton Primary School is proving a great asset.

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pieces of equipment. Headteacher Kate

McFarlane said: "It is very popular with the younger children, they love it."

Correction: Beer bake-off

IN LAST week's edition of *Pulman's View From Seaton & Beer*, we said that the Andy Williams of Steamers Restaurant was responsible for setting-up Beer's festive "bake-off".

The event was, in fact, organised

by the Andy Williams who organises Beer's New Year and Regatta firework displays, and runs an outside event catering company.

We would like to apologise for the confusion and any embarrassment this may have caused

Safe stolen from Seaton shop

A "SUBSTANTIAL" amount of cash was taken when burglars broke into a Seaton shop overnight and removed a safe.

Police say the perpetrators would have needed a vehicle to remove the safe from the scene, so have issued an appeal for witnesses.

The burglary took place at Frank Akerman Hardware Shop in Fore Street at some point between 5pm on Monday, January 11th and 8.15am the following day.

A police spokesperson said: "The offenders

forced the back door of the shop and removed the office safe, which contained a substantial quantity of cash.

"They would have needed a vehicle to carry the safe away, so sightings of suspicious vehicles / vans in the Fore Street area at the time would be useful."

Anyone with information is asked to call the force switchboard on 101 or Neighbourhood Beat Manager PC Richard Jenkins on 01297 626727.

Shop management did not wish to comment.

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Proposal to spend £5,000 on survey of Chard School as part of town's regeneration scheme

AN historic building in Chard looks set to undergo a £5,000 condition survey.

South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) Area West Committee has been recommended to approve a proposal to spend £5,000 on a survey of the Chard School building.

The committee will meet on Wednesday, January 20th and a report for members said: "Chard has a number of important buildings that sit within the historic town centre including Godworthy House (Chard Museum), 7-13 Fore Street (containing no.9 which includes the Courthouse), Chard School and Holyrood Lacemill.

"Chard Regeneration Scheme (CRS) Project Board recognises the important role played by Chard's town centre heritage buildings. All of them contribute to the life of Chard, but they all have problems which threaten their viability.

"They all cost 'too much' to run and maintain, because they do not generate enough income and the return on any investment is seen as poor.

"The CRS project board sees the development of more successful offers of public access and interpretation that generate a better, viable return through both income and footfall as vital to the successful regeneration of Chard and its town centre.

"The Area West Development Team continues to work on a set of proposals to address these complex issues and relationships.

"As these emerge, we will be bringing them for discussion and agreement on funding to the Area West Committee in the first instance and provide updates to the CRS Board."

The Chard school building is first in line, and the

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report added: "Built in 1583 for a wealthy local merchant, John Symes, the house was donated to the town of Chard as a Grammar School by his successors in 1671, and there has been a school on the site continuously ever since.

"It remained the town's grammar school until 1890, when it became a public boarding school. In

1972 the present school was established, as an independent co-educational preparatory school.

"For many years, in an effort to contain costs, there has been low or no maintenance of some of the external and internal fabric of the school buildings.

"In summer 2015, having saved the school from closure and addressed day to day maintenance issues, the governors turned their attention to the long term upkeep and, in places, restoration of the

school buildings and sought advice from SSDC's Conservation Team on the work needed and potential sources of funding to help them carry it out."

It is the opinion of SSDC officers that it would be both sensible and prudent if SSDC paid £5,000 towards the costs of the necessary condition survey and retained ownership of the contents whilst sharing these freely with Chard School to assist the efforts to attract grant funding.

Floral displays good enough to eat!



RECENT floral design workshops held at Combe St Nicholas Village Hall near Chard were awash with Christmas cakes - but not the type that put on any inches!

Local ladies watched a step-by-step flower arranging demonstration before putting their creative hats on to produce some stunning floral cakes that looked good enough to eat.

Liz Stevens said: "I thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and am really pleased with what I made. Floral cakes are perfect gifts, I will definitely be making some to give to friends."

Local tutor Jackie Nicholls from Ashville Design said: "What is so exciting about floral design is that there are no boundaries. And best of all, you don't need any experience to have a go.

"It's always great fun to do some-

thing different - not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. I am so proud of everyone who came along and took home a floral cake they were really pleased with."

Jackie will be starting her 2016 flower arranging workshops on Saturday, January 30th from 10am to 12.30pm in Combe St Nicholas Village Hall.

She said: "Spring is on its way, so we're beginning with an awe-inspiring rustic design using fresh tulips, twigs and foliage. You will learn how to combine these into a fabulous arrangement that will continue to grow and will also become skilled at how to use tulip leaves to enhance the overall look."

The workshop costs £20 per person which includes a basic kit and refreshments. For more information call Jackie on 01460 67795 or visit www.ashvilledesign.co.uk

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Seaton Men's Probus go back in time

ON 6th January Patricia Lowther gave an engaging talk on her early life as an evacuee. An only child, evacuated from Newcastle to Morpeth at the age of nine, she recalled the joys of living within a family which included three children, an unfortunate billet with two elderly ladies and, finally, being part of a great council house family. Life post-war was something of a disappointment compared to her earlier experiences.

The next Club meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on 20th January at the Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Road, Seaton, when we will hear from a member of the charity "Devon Action".

Axminster Probus

GEORGE Williams clearly relishes speaking in public; he captivated Axminster Probus Club's January meeting when he relived an epic walk he took 33 years ago around coastal Britain with his collie Jack.

Formerly in the RAF, George was a psychiatric nurse at Broadmoor when he decided on the walk for charity, seeking a dog – Jack – from kennels in Exeter as companion.

Setting off from Topsham, he set up tent where he could, often 'overlooked' by the police when stopping for the night in dubious places. In a misty Norfolk, he was woken in the morning by an irate golfer wishing to play through!

On the East Coast he was swept away by the tide and saved by luck. In Lincolnshire he stumbled into an RAF firing range being strafed with live ammunition: Jack ran off, only being found two days later because of huge publicity.

George didn't manage to tell all of his adventure but the Club will commission however many talks are needed to return to his start point at Topsham.

Axminster Probus Club for retired and semi-retired business and professional men meets at the A35 Pit Stop, Gammons Hill, Kilmington on the first Tuesday of each month. Prospective members are always welcome. For information ring 01460 220528.

Seaton artists turn upside-down

ACRYLIC painter Colin Brown brought a photograph along to Seaton and District Art Society on Monday, January 4th, to help demonstrate his unusual technique.

He always begins upside-down so that the picture content will not distract him from its shape, form and tone.

With his harbour-side scene placed upside-down beside his bright orange painting board, he mapped out shapes and patterns with a very big brush dipped in black acrylic paint and washing up liquid. Colin used a board that he had previously covered with orange coloured gesso, as he prefers a rigid surface to work on, and a bright background that will show through his brushwork.

Once the whole scene was mapped out, he turned board and photograph the right way up and began to mark in darker and lighter areas and contrasting colours. He didn't wash his brush between colours, just



■ TOPSY TURVY: artist Colin Brown demonstrates his unusual technique

added more colour and the washing up liquid for lubrication.

"Don't worry about getting colours right yet", said Colin. "You can adjust that later. Tone is more important than colour, and use a big brush to block in shapes. There is no point putting in detail at this stage."

He pointed out that if lovely details were added too soon in the wrong place, we would be

very reluctant to scrub them out and move them. Details should only be added towards the end, using a smaller brush. The main thing is not to panic. Members couldn't wait to rush home after the meeting and turn their canvases upside down.

Seaton and District Art Society meets in Seaton Town Hall at 2pm on the first Monday of every month. Visitors and new members are welcome.

New year, new venue – Axminster Art Society comes home

AXMINSTER Art Society is moving back into Axminster.

The refurbishment of Thomas Whitty House has enabled the Society to relocate its meetings back into the town centre.

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Nearby parking is at Coombe Lane, opposite Complete Meats, in South Street (near Lawsons) or in West Street (by the Co-op). Because of parking costs the Committee will not implement the overdue rise in subscription, and Axminster treats members and visitors to free refreshments at all meetings.

Make a note of the later starting time – 2.30 now.

All visitors are welcome for the modest sum of £5, which would be set against the annual subscription for those who then decide to join.

Everyone who would like more information about these changes or would like to make comments or get more details, please ring Anthea Bareham on 01460 221088 or visit the Society's website at www.axminsterartsociety.uk



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Windsor Fellowship

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Each week different speakers cover a variety of topics from all walks of life.

The club is open to everyone; there is no joining fee but a contribution of £1.50 is charged per meeting to help cover costs and includes refreshments.

The contact is Mrs. Helen Collier: Telephone 01297 21594. Programmes available at Seaton library.

The first speaker of 2016 was Reverend Ian Kirby, who took the audience on an illustrated tour of England entitled 'Here and back again'. Starting at Stockland Hill, Ian took us to the National Memorial Arboretum, then Cardiff, back to Lamberts Castle, Budleigh Salterton and the River Otter; over to Dorset and the home of TE Lawrence and St Nicholas Church at Moreton, Hele Manor in Wiltshire, Knightshayes, Burrow Gardens, Dartmoor and the Wolford Chapel. An entertaining and enjoyable afternoon.

Colyford & District Flower Club

STALLS and a Christmas lucky dip were included at December's meeting, when one new member and three visitors were welcomed to the festive hall.

The competition was a candlestick decoration: Carol Hubbard won intermediate, while Sheila Clare won advanced with Kay White second and Angie Clark third.

Pat Penno from Launceston demonstrated 'Let's Celebrate' with arrangements including a wreath. Pat has been a florist for 32 years and now her daughter is following in the business.

A vote of thanks was given by Ann Ord for a good afternoon. Tea and mince pies were enjoyed by all.

There will be no January meeting but on February 2nd there will be a demo by some club members with the title 'Anything goes'. New people would be welcome, so to enjoy a relaxing afternoon with lots of flowers, a cup of tea or coffee and a chat, meetings are at 2.15pm at Colyford Hall.

Colyton gardens

WHILST the ground is saturated and many plants are dormant, it is good to find the new year is starting for Colyton & District Garden Society.

The 2016 programme kicks off with a talk on roses, everything you need to know about their cultivation and care, by Malcolm Mills who is the 'planter' manager at Castle Gardens in Sherborne.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm at Colyton Peace Memorial Hall on Wednesday, January 20th.

If you are a member renewing or would like to join, the 2016 subscription is £10 and will be collected at the meeting - please come in good time.

Honiton Art Society

MEMBERS of Honiton Art Society were pleased to welcome Lynda Kettle for their first meeting of the New Year.

Lynda recently moved to East Devon from Birmingham after a career in theatre and television as a production set designer. She now has a studio in Exeter, gives presentations and demonstrations, and continues to paint in various media. She exhibits widely and is a former Vice President of the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists.

Lynda maintains that a relaxed, semi abstract approach, working fast and painting with a real feeling for the subject, brings more enjoyment to the process and produces an exciting, lively painting. This was very evident in the picture she created before



All Saints set for Jack and the Beanstalk

MEMBERS of All Saints Pantomime Society are busy rehearsing twice a week for their next production, Jack and the Beanstalk.

The original script has been written by three members of the society and is based around the well-known story.

Most of the usual characters are included plus a few unusual ones. The hero of the show, Jack, is

played by David Campbell with his mother Dottie played by Michael Shaw.

Dottie's best friend and neighbour Deirdre is played by Dave Wicken.

The two 'baddies', Hench and Mann are played by Steve Holt and, newcomer to the Society, Mark Hardy.

The fearsome Giant is portrayed by a suitably tall Michael Brookbanks.

The main characters are complemented by the inevitable collection of animals, fairies and children all carried along with a selection of well known songs.

This year the

show is produced by Angela Drake, with Liz Pedder providing the music.

The show will be performed at All Saints Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 4th, 5th and 6th at 7.45pm.

Tickets are available from Anthea on 01460 221088 or email: thebarehams@beaconcottage.uk.

Alternatively, they can be purchased at All Saints Village Hall from 7.30pm - 8.30pm on Mondays and Fridays. Ticket prices for Thursday and Friday are: adults £5 and children £2.50.

The tickets for the Saturday performance are £10 per person to include a light supper.

All proceeds from this special performance will be donated to the All Saints Church Appeal for the refurbishment of the church bell.

Axmouth panto will be a treasure

FOLLOWING the very successful Christmas play, Axmouth Children's Theatre (ACT) members are hard at work on their new pantomime.

This year's pantomime will be "Treasure Island (ish)", the production featuring cast of 17 children aged from seven to 16 years.

Written and directed by Malcolm Henty, it will be performed on, February 19th and Saturday, February 20th in Axmouth Village Hall.

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Lions invite applications for funding

■ AS many of you know Seaton and District Lions Club were out and about collecting money during December to go towards helping local people in need and worthwhile causes.

We walked around the streets of Colyford, Colyton, Axmouth, Beer and Seaton with our Santa Sleigh. Father Christmas gave out sweets and treats to the amazing number of children who came out to see him.

With our street collections and our collection outside of Tesco on Christmas Eve we managed to raise a magnificent £4,532.00 and we would like to

thank all those who gave so generously.

All of this money will be used to help the local community as well as national situations such as helping the flood victims in the North of England. Here local Lions clubs in the affected areas have been active in volunteering helping to clear up the flood damage. The Lions Clubs of Great Britain donated £25,000 within the first 24 hours to help with flood relief with more money being raised in the new year. We will help the Lions Clubs in the North as they helped the Lions Clubs here in

the South West during the floods in the Somerset Levels in 2013/2014.

Seaton and District Lions Club would like to invite applications from local people, clubs and organisations who are in need of help to be considered as deserving assistance from the money we have raised during our Christmas collection. We can be contacted through our website, e-clubhouse.org/sites/seatonuk.

IAN BARRADALE,
President, Seaton and District Lions Club

Christmas shop hours 'unacceptable'

■ I WOULD like to express my disappointment at the opening times of the majority of independent traders in Honiton over the Christmas and New Year period. A number shut their doors on Christmas Eve until the 4th January, others stayed shut on Monday 28th December and Saturday the 2nd January both days with good footfall and consumers ready to spend.

Independent shops bemoan the competition from large multiples but a lesson can be learned from their attitude when it comes to giving customers what they want, when they want it.

In 2016 it is not acceptable to cease trading on Christmas Eve and sit on your hands until early January. If Honiton wishes to be taken seriously as a forward thinking Retail market town then in my opinion some traders need a wake up call.

Before Christmas I also noticed a sign on the door of an independent trader in the town advertising a shopping coach trip to Bristol Cribbs Causeway, rather ironic.

With Exeter, Plymouth, Taunton and Bristol all within reach to a lot of Honiton residents then the

independent traders should be open and ready to do business in line with the few multiples we have in town.

The lacklustre approach to Sunday trading in Honiton is another example of a rather complacent and unambitious mindset from a number of our shops. If the shops are open, then people will come and use them.

ROBERT WATTS,
Honiton

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Examples of activities include handling animals (from baby chicks to birds of prey), trips to the neighbourhood cafes as well as longer excursions to the beautiful Jurassic Coast. Residents also enjoy regular visits from the Music Man and dancing, singing with the Baptist Church, and gardening using specially designed raised beds.

The Koppers prides itself on the quality of the meals it provides. We strongly believe that having a healthy, well-balanced diet greatly benefits our residents. Meals are therefore offered from a varied menu using the best produce from local suppliers wherever possible. We are happy to cater for special diets and preferences too. All our meals are cooked fresh daily in our own kitchen and snacks are readily available throughout the day and night.

The home offers residential care, respite care and day care. It caters for the needs of people with all levels of dementia, from all backgrounds and ethnicities.

The home works closely with the local general practitioners, district nurses and is regularly visited by a chiropodist, podiatrist and hairdresser.

The Koppers is located in the heart of Kilmington, a village near Axminster in East Devon. The amenities of Kilmington offer opportunities for day to day activities and social inclusion. A friendly community and annual fete and flower show, the local Shop/Post Office, Church, Village Hall, and Village Green with a bubbling stream running through makes for an idyllic and peaceful atmosphere.

Being only 15 minutes by car from Lyme Regis we take our residents to this beautiful seaside town even if its just to sit on a bench and watch the world go by.



New Year resolution for Axminster?

■ DREAM 1: Axminster Power Tools, in an open letter to the Town Council, succinctly expressed their vision of a vibrant town in which it is a joy to live, is attractive to visitors and in which business can flourish – and they have forward thinking ideas for a revamp of the George Hotel. Brilliant.

DREAM 2: Axminster Town Council, in their recent Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire, expressed their vision of a vibrant town in which it is a joy to live, is attractive to visitors and in which business can flourish – and is seeking ideas. Brilliant.

THE REALITY: An active, busy and expanding town struggling under the increasing pressure of the stranglehold of the A358 through traffic. Neither of the above visions are likely to happen until that traffic is removed from the town.

DREAM 3: The Axminster sec-

tion of the A358 rerouted to gently follow a low level contour on the Honiton side of the Axe valley from just north of the railway bridge to join the A35 at the bottom of Gammons Hill. It would be clear of the town yet allow easy access to it; it would be relatively fuel- and hence carbon-efficient; it would be no more obtrusive than the A396 where it meanders down the beautiful Exe valley; and it would release that stranglehold on the town allowing DREAMS 1 & 2 to be realised.

RESOLUTION: The Neighbourhood Plan could be an excellent tool to help formulate DREAMS 1 & 2. But the new arterial road would be primarily for the traveller who only wants to avoid the town. It therefore is a county/national responsibility so it has no real place in the Plan. Nevertheless, the Plan could make it clear that the re-

moval of the A358 through traffic is a prerequisite of any sensible and practical development planning of the town.

By the same token, funding of the new road would be primarily a county/national responsibility helped, maybe, by some local development funding as the town would also benefit. Therefore the Neighbourhood Plan could also make it clear that the developer funding should primarily be used for associated town infrastructure development – but not for funding an arterial road as currently assumed in the EDDC Local Plan. The latter would a) subject the road to the uncertainties and vagaries of large scale property development and b), even if eventually completed, would still leave the town with a traffic problem.

M LEIGHTON,
Axminster

Bad weather but 'wonderful efforts'

■ DESPITE the devastating storms and floods experienced in many parts of the UK, we have so far been incredibly fortunate in this corner of England.

When we see the damage on the TV news, the plight of many in other parts, we also see the wonderful efforts of so many in our public services including ambulance, police, fire brigade, engineers and plumbers.

Not to mention armies of volunteers and shelter offered in

homes and church halls etc. to help out in the dreadful weather.

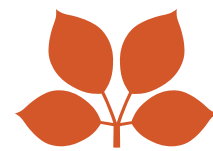
Trying to restore power on swerving telegraph poles on dark stormy nights, others wading into swirling waters or moving fallen trees, are all risking life and limb!

It was soon after Christmas when I saw our dustbin men arriving cheerfully as ever on time after a particularly stormy night, and our post lady calling

with a smile, that I realised what a wonderful lot of unsung heroes we have in this land whom we should never take for granted.

So I'm writing this to say 'well done and a big thank you!' It is these folk who deserve to be on the honours list. You would all get a medal from me. God bless you all!

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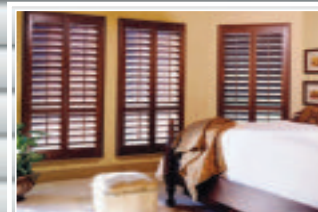
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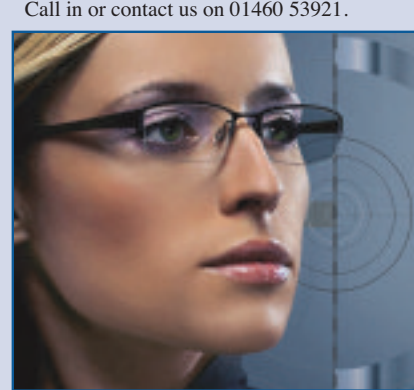
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The matter was recently brought to public attention in the case of *Ilott v Mitson*. In this case the deceased left the majority of her net estate to three charities having made no provision whatsoever for her adult daughter from whom she had been estranged for some 30 years. The deceased had been clear in her wishes to disinherit her daughter and had left a letter to her Executors to re-enforce her intention.

Nevertheless the daughter succeeded on appeal and was awarded £164,000 from the deceased's estate.

Whilst it is of course clear that a parent is under no obligation to leave anything to children under the terms of their Will, it is open for children to bring a claim under the provisions of the 1975 Act on grounds that the deceased failed to make reasonable provision for them.

The right extends not just to children but also to surviving wife/husband, co-habitees, stepchildren or anyone having been maintained by the deceased.

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CREWKERNE: Chef's Special Lunch - £7.50, at the Henhayes Centre. Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, Eton Mess. 12 noon to 12.30pm. Prior booking essential. For more details or to book call 01460 74340.

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Six of the best

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Alan Barnes is a prolific international performer, composer, arranger, and bandleader. He is best known for his work on clarinet, alto and baritone sax, and he has worked with everyone from John Dankworth, Humphrey Lyttelton, Clare Teale, Jools Holland and Jamie Cullum, to Bjork and Bryan Ferry. He has received over 25 British Jazz Awards, and has twice been BBC Jazz Musician of the Year.

Bobby Wellins, many times winner of the National Jazz Awards, is probably the UK's best known sax player. He is remembered for his collaboration with British pianist Stan Tracey, with whom he recorded a suite of pieces inspired by Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood. In a 1998

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Jim Mullen is four times winner of "Best Guitar" in the UK Jazz Awards. A pioneer of 1980s jazz fusion, Mullen has played with Vinegar Joe, Kokomo and the Average White Band, and for many years collaborated with the late sax player Dick Morrissey. He performs regularly with Jimmy Smith, Gene Harris, and Mose Allison.

Craig Milverton is one of Britain's top jazz pianists. He has played with a who's who of jazz talent including Digby Fairweather, George Melly, Julian Marc Stringle, Mark Crooks, Scott Hamilton, and Renato D'Aiello. His trio is regularly asked to back visiting American soloists at festivals and venues across the UK. Craig won the UK Jazz Award for piano in 2010.

Alan Barnes, Bobby Wellins, Jim Mullen and the Craig Milverton Trio perform at Ilminster Arts Centre on Friday, January 29th at 8pm. £20 (pre-show supper £13 at 7pm, booked in advance). For more details call 01460 54973 or visit www.themeetinghouse.org.uk



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Diary Dates

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WEST HILL: West Hill Residents' Association Meeting, at 7.30 p.m. in West Hill Village Hall. Tim Leat and Liz Govier of Gilbert Stephens Solicitors LLP will talk about Lasting Power of Attorney. This is a subject that everyone needs to know about and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. There will also be an update on the Local Plan, the Villages Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan. Residents will also have a chance to have their say and raise any issues of interest to the village. The meeting is open to all residents.

SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD

HONITON: Orchestral Workshop with the CBSO. 10am-6pm. Play-through at 5pm open to the public. No admission charge, retiring collection. For experience string players. Enquiries to rogghendy@gmail.com

SIDMOUTH: 'Winter Wonderland' Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. At Stowford Centre, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door, £6.

MERRIOTT: Merriott Social Club, live music in the bar with Nik-James from 9pm. Free entry, non members welcome.

DALWOOD: Tuckers Arms Jazz Club with the Annika Skoogh Quartet, 8pm. Featuring Annika Skoogh (vocals), Matt Carter (keyboard), Coach York (drums), and Al Swainger (bass). At the Tuckers Arms (EX13 7EG). Tickets £7 in advance or at the door. For more details call 01404 831280, or visit www.dalwoodvillage.co.uk

YARCOMBE: Yarcombe YFC Whist Drive, at Yarcombe Village Hall, 8pm prompt.

SIDMOUTH: Sidmouth Gospel Choir at St Gregory's Church, 7pm. Free entry with donations welcome. Refreshments available. For more details call 01297 625875.

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

BEER: Beer Film Society presents "45 Years" cert 15 starring Charlotte Rampling and Tom Courtenay. At Steamers Restaurant in Beer doors open at 7pm, film 7.30pm General Public £5, Members £3.50. All welcome, bar and refreshments available. www.beerfilmsociety.org.uk

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

ILMINSTER: Study Day. 'Who Says? Making Judgements in Art'. This study day is led by David Phillips, and explores what makes a piece of art good, bad or indifferent, and what makes it valuable - or worthless? And when is a piece of art in good taste - and when is it just kitsch? Ticket prices: members £35, non members £40. For more details and application form see our website n-rochedfas.org.uk or telephone Mrs Wendy Outram 01460 259113. At Monks Yard, Horton Cross, 10am-3.30pm (including lunch).

SIDMOUTH: All Saints Tea Dance for Childrens Hospice SouthWest. 2.30pm. Every fourth Tuesday of the month. 01395 577122

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group at Henhayes Centre. £1 per session. For people 70+/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged, and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH

AXMINSTER: Coffee Afternoon and Cooking Demo with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 2.30-4pm. At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@half.org.uk

SEATON: Devon Senior Voice - Seaton Area. The next meeting will be at Seaton Methodist Church between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. The speaker will be Helen Hlecarpentier from Axe Valley Care. For any further information about the meeting or Devon Senior Voice please contact Roger/Tina Trapani on 01297 21788.

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

UPLYME: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society's first meeting of 2016. A Social Evening, Seed Swap and Quiz, at 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall. A good time to catch up with friends, swap your spare seeds, pay subscriptions, book for outings and collect a 2016 Summer Show Schedule. The quiz will be fairly lighthearted and not too long, allowing plenty of time for socialising. Bring and Share supper.

More Diary Dates on page 26

Deadline is Friday 4pm for the following Tuesday's publication. Please ensure dates are included for all listings - weekly listings without dates may not be published.

Jurassic Park in Crinolines: Play reveals dangerous life of female fossil hunter

WHAT LANDMARK achievements did you pull off by the age of 12? Perhaps you brought home your first paper round wage packet, or reached grade 2 on recorder? Mary Anning, at the tender age of 12, discovered the first complete fossil of a prehistoric reptile in Great



Alison Neil as Mary Anning

Britain. Not bad for one of ten children, undereducated, and living in a house regularly flooded by storms.

It's the story of this remarkable and lesser-known Victorian paleontologist that struck a chord with actress Alison Neil, and inspired her latest one woman show, "The Fossil Lady of Lyme".

"Imagine everything was created in six days...This was the England into which Mary Anning was born – just two hundred years ago. But with the discovery of fossils on the Jurassic coast, the accepted truths about the world were blown apart; it became clear that there had been a vast prehistoric age, with unimaginable monsters roaming the earth and swimming in the seas."

Alison's vivid play, which tells the personal story behind Mary Anning's world-changing discoveries, will be performed in village halls

across Devon for Villages in Action (VIA).

Alison has made a life's work of creating captivating one-woman plays about the formidable women forgotten or misrepresented by history.

"I started out as a 'proper' actress, performing in plays, TV and radio. I wrote my first one-woman show during a long tour in which I only had a small part, so I had a lot of spare time. 27 years later, I still seem to be doing them..."

See Alison Neil in 'The Fossil Lady of Lyme' at Yarcombe Jubilee Hall on Friday, February 5th at 7.30pm (tickets 01404 861353), and Axmouth Village Hall on Saturday, February 6th at 7pm (tickets 01297 20679).

For more details on Villages In Action visit the website at www.villagesinaction.co.uk

Sidmouth Gospel Choir to perform concert in Seaton

SIDMOUTH Gospel Choir are looking forward to their first concert of the year at St Gregory's Parish Church, Colyford Road, Seaton this Saturday, January 23rd at 7pm.

The choir will be singing a varied programme including a range of pieces from 'Spiritual' religious folk songs in the African American tradition, through to well known contemporary gospel numbers.

The concert will be hosted by The Friends of St Gregory's Parish Church. Entry is free with donations invited for the maintenance of the church organ. Refreshments will also be available.

Sidmouth Gospel Choir is an inclusive, community choir which is open to people of any faith or none at all. They have been singing together since September 2003, originally under the leadership of local voice coach, Colleen Bleazard. Founding member Angie Carney is now their inspirational leader. Although she has no formal musical training, she is a great communicator and encourager, and the choir has thrived under her leadership.

Sidmouth Gospel Choir are always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested, go along to a rehearsal, free of charge, before deciding whether you would like to join them.

More information can be found on their website at www.sidmouthgospelchoir.co.uk



Sidmouth Gospel Choir

Advertiser's announcement

A great venue for every occasion

KEVIN, Carole and Cohen welcome you to The Ridgeway. They are now in their 28th year, and now that Cohen is a little older, have increased opening hours.

If you are planning your wedding come along for an informal chat on the 23rd January. The Ridgeway's Wedding Taster Evening will be held between 7pm-9pm. Taste some of the delights or just have a look around. Whether you are planning a wedding, celebration or a party, The Ridgeway is a great venue. Set in a great location, menus can be devised to suit all pockets and tastes. The Ridgeway has a civil license for wedding and civil cere-

monies, or the Rafters restaurant is a great venue for special birthdays or anniversaries, and is available for private hire, bar service is free.

Bookings are now being taken for Valentines for February 13th and 14th, please enquire for menu.

The Ridgeway is open Tuesday through to Sunday for a traditional lunch. It is always best to call ahead if you are making a special journey as we do try to have the occasional day trip with Cohen.

New for 2016 is the wood fired oven, so come and try the authentic pizzas and watch them being cooked from £8.50. The January special offer is available on Friday and Saturday nights, when you order a Bresola Pizza (Beef & crumbled Dorset Blue Vinny) you get a Hawaiian Pizza for free!

The Ridgeway's popular Sunday Carvery is back for £10.95. January specials include slow cooked lamb shank, salmon wellington and juicy steaks.

At the moment we are only lighting the oven on a Friday and Saturday night and Sunday lunch, although if you

would like to book a party and we will exclusively light it for you (minimum eight people).

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Two legends, one great night of Las Vegas

Fisher Stevens ready to rock Winstons with tributes to Elvis and Neil Diamond

FOR the first event of 2016 Winstons Bar and Grill presents 'Legends Of Las Vegas', a two hour spectacular featuring tributes to Elvis Presley and Neil Diamond. This show has been playing in London for quite a while and the event's organisers at Winstons are very excited about being able to put on such a prestige event.

Fisher Stevens the man behind the voices, has been doing this for many years, and has appeared on TV several times.

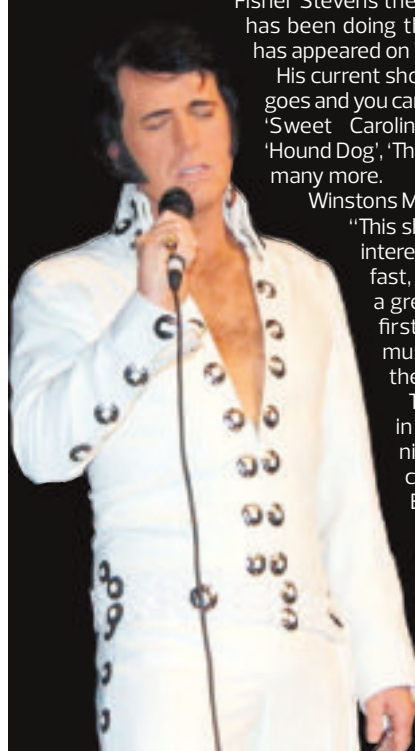
His current show sells out wherever he goes and you can expect classics such as 'Sweet Caroline', 'Song Sung Blue', 'Hound Dog', 'The Wonder of You', and so many more.

Winstons Manager Chris Oakes said

"This show has already created interest and tickets are selling fast, I know this is going to be a great night, and this is the first in a whole range of music events planned for the year".

Tickets are priced at £10 in advance or £13 on the night and can be purchased from Winstons Bar and Grill in Seaton, Beer Village Stores or Axe Music in Axminster.

For a full list of gigs for the year go to the website or check on lemonrock.com/winstons



Diary Dates

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo with cash prizes at Henhayes Centre. Eyes down 2.30pm.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH

AXMINSTER: Cook and Chat coffee morning and cooking demo. For Parents/Carers with children, by HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families). At the HALFF Food Hub, South Street, Axminster 9.30-11am. No need to book, just turn up, it's free. Call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk.

CLAPTON: Community Coffee Morning, hosted by Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm. There will be a cake stall & raffle; all contributions welcomed. Do come and join us, to support your local facility, whilst meeting friends & neighbours or getting to know new people; all welcome. More details from Sue (01460 74433)

SIDMOUTH: Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. 10am-11am. £2.50 for members, £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY JANUARY 29TH

HONITON: Film: 'Suffragette' (cert 12A), with pre-show talk 'Juanita Maxwell Phillips; a Honiton Suffragette', at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £6.50, under 16s £5.50.

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

KILMINGTON: East Devon Wildlife 'Save our Stunning Seas', presentation by Richard White, from DWT head office. 7.30pm-9.30pm at Kilminster Village Hall. Donation of £4 on door.

SATURDAY JANUARY 30TH

HONITON: Theatre: Chaplin, performed by Pip Utton. At the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £8.

COLYTON: Work Party at Colyton Community Woodland, 10am-4pm. Hedge laying, bramble clearance. Meet at site car park, Hillhead (SY245934). For more details call 01297 552945.

BEER: Seaton Beer and District Branch of RNLI SOS Table Top Sale. 9am-12.30pm (doors open for sellers at 8am), at the Mariners Hall. Table hire £6. To hire a table and for more details call 07814 364527. Come along for bacon butties, tea and coffee plus raffle. Stalls include Cakes, Jewellery, Bric-a-Brac, Books, Home Goods and Toys

UPLYME: Concert by Lionel Handy (internationally acclaimed cellist) accompanied by Jennifer Hughes. At Uplyme Church, 7pm. £10 on the door. Children free. Faure, Ireland, Delliuss and Ravel.

CREWKERNE: Big Breakfast at Henhayes Centre. For more details call 01460 74340.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

AXMINSTER: Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

NEROCHE: 'The Art & Craft of the Pewterer', 7.15pm. This lecture by Andrew Spira will describe what pewter is, the history and decorative techniques, every step of the manufacturing process and various national styles. Guests £5. For more details visit nerochedfas.org.uk

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2ND

CHARD: Chard Ladies' Evening Guild will have a talk by David Sutcliffe on Edwardian Music Hall at 7.30pm at Manor Court School. Visitors and new members will be very welcome.

CHARD: Chard Camera Club holding a talk by Mr Andy Beel FRPS entitled 'The Untitled Monochrome' at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street at 7.30pm. Any newcomers wishing to attend will be made most welcome. Further details can be obtained from their website www.chard-cameraclub.org.uk or by giving Mr Peter Partridge a call on 01460 66885

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3RD

SEATON: Jurassic Folk and Jam Club at Eyre Court, 2 Queen Street, 8-10.30pm. Music and song for all to enjoy. Free admission for musicians, singers and spectators. For more details call 01404 46451 or 549903, or visit www.jurassicfolkandjam.com

SEATON: Men's Probus Club meeting 10 a.m. Methodist Church Hall, Scallwell Lane. Talk by David Baldock entitled Spring on the Welsh Borders.

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - sew, knit & natter, 10.30am, all welcome; details from 01460 72837.

KILMINGTON: Film: 'Suffragette' (cert 12A) at the village hall, Whitford Road. Doors and bar (wine and soft drinks) open at 6.45pm. Film start 7.15pm. Tickets £5 if purchased in advance from Hurfords Store (village store Whitford Rd), or £5.50 at the door. For more details contact: 01297 32335

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

Marine Theatre launches new season of events

THE MARINE THEATRE launched its new Spring season last Friday (January 15th) with a Launch in the Theatre Bar and a performance by local band Cosmic Café Lite.

This is the first of the Marine's new Bar opening times under the new management of Elizabeth Eade. The Theatre Bar will be open every Friday and Saturday evening from 5pm until 1am with free live music every Friday, a new Cocktail menu on offer and a range of local beers, wines and ciders.

Highlights of the theatre's Spring programme include the

Lyme Youth Theatre show - part of prestigious National Theatre Festival - from March 9th-12th, featuring 22 local teenagers in a raucous musical Bedbug set in 1920s Russia! Party nights make a return to the Marine, with local Funk Band Mr Jean playing on Friday, January 29th followed by DJs until 1am. The theatre will also play host to a number of celebrity stand-up comedians from TV and Radio including Robert Newman, Stewart Francis, and Mark Steel.

Artistic Director Clemmie Reynolds said: "I hope there will be something for everybody at



the Marine this Spring.

But if there's something you'd love to see on at the theatre in the future, pop in and let me know!"

Other key new features of the season are daytime performances, joint events with the Mill and Museum, an enticing Black Tie fundraising dinner-dance, a jam-packed Easter holidays of family shows, and a wide range of theatre performances including dance, opera, Shakespeare and storytelling.

For the full programme, pick up a copy of the season brochure from the Marine Theatre and Tourist Information Centre.



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Diary Dates

SIDMOUTH: Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

BRANSCOMBE: Charity event in aid of Cancer Research at The Fountain Head. This will include a 3 course meal with a written quiz followed by an auction and raffle with great prizes. Canapés served at 7pm, followed by meal at 7.30pm. £20 per head, booking essential. For more details call 01297 680359.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

SIDMOUTH: February Romance Ball! Weekend Dancing with Dancing Duo Henry & Jeannie. Evening wear preferred. At Stowford Centre, 8-11pm. Free parking. Bring your own snacks. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided. Pay on the door, £6.

MERRIOTT: Monthly Market and Table Top Sale at Merriott Social Club, 10am-1pm, free entry. Money raised will go to Myeloma UK charity

DRIMPTON: 9th Annual Potato Day, at the village hall, 10.30am-2.30pm. Plenty of potatoes, food and fun. Entry 50p which includes a tea or coffee. Parking available at the village hall, and nearby.

MISTERTON: Misterton Tennis Club Wine and Wisdom Quiz at the village hall, Unity Lane, 7 for 7.30pm prompt. Teams of 4-6, £5 per head to include glass of wine/soft drink and nibbles. Raffle. For more details call 01460 74368.

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - Take Art! Pip Utton is Maggie Thatcher; a return of the much acclaimed & popular solo performer. 8pm. Tickets (including home-made soup & crusty bread), £10 adults, £5 under 18s, £25 family (2+2), should be booked in advance please on 01460 75313 or 01460 74849. There will also be a licensed bar & a raffle.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

COLYFORD: Indoor Car Boot Sale at Colyford Memorial Hall, 9am-2pm. Tables £5. For more details call 01297 23591.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Methodist Church Service of Healing. 3.45pm, with tea and biscuits - all welcome.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 7-10pm. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

AWLISCOMBE: Honiton Art Society Meeting. Water-colour Landscape demonstration by Norman Rossiter, at Awliscombe Village Hall, 2-4pm. Visitors £2. Visitors and new members always welcome.

MISTERTON: Bingo at Misterton Village Hall, doors 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

BROADWAY: Ile Valley Flower Club Meeting at Broadway Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Demonstrator Jo Jacobs from Weston Super Mare, title 'Encore'. Visitors welcome, first two visit free.

SIDMOUTH: St Francis Tea Dance for Childrens Hospice South West. 2.30pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 01395 577122.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10TH

OTTERY ST MARY: Short Mat Bowls at the Institute, Yonder Street, 9.45am-12noon. Visitors welcome. For more details call 01404 812124.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11TH

CHARD: Chard Royal Naval Association social evening at the Conservative club in Chard at 7.30pm. Mr Roy Kibble will be giving a talk to the members entitled 'Bletchley Park'. Anyone wishing to join the association would be made most if they attended on the evening. Further details call the secretary on 01460 77978 or chairman on 01460 929041.

SIDMOUTH: Sidmouth Ballroom Dancing Club every Thursday 8-10pm at St Francis Hall. Dancers of all abilities welcome. For more details call 01395 579856.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

AXMINSTER: Free Make & Munch with HALFF (Health and Local Food for Families) 10.30-12.30. For parents and carers of children (0-18), a hands-on course of six sessions. Have fun preparing simple delicious food and enjoy eating it together. Pre-school age children welcome with parents/carers.

At the Methodist Hall, Lyme Road, Axminster. To book a place call Ros on 01297 631782 for more information or email admin@halff.org.uk

CREWKERNE: Sequence dancing at the Victoria Hall from 1.45pm to 4pm. Tea and Biscuits. Raffle. £2 per person. More details call 01935 415520 or 01308 862866

KILMINGTON: 'Ponds and Plants', by John Horsey. With a lifetime in horticulture and a passion for conservation and wildlife, John considers why ponds are so interesting, discusses different types of ponds, the ways of creating them, the plants they will support and the wildlife they will attract. Kilminster Gardening Club, 7.30pm, at Kilminster Village Hall, Whitford Road. Non-members welcome £1

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Musicians classified

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EPIPHONE SG Goth dates from Sept 2004 and was made in Unsung factory in Korea so is an excellent player. May consider swaps. Always looking for good tube type combos. A previous owner has fitted a pair of EMGs and it's a really powerful sound. I bought this as an project but do not think I will use it, so it's up from sale, collect only from Exeter. I might be persuaded to deliver locally within reason. Very little cosmetic wear, and frets don't seem to have been hardly used at all. Fitted with Rotosound or Ernie Ball's strings (10's) in last two weeks. No case. £180.00 ono. Email wjbuc53@gmail.com for more info.

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Kieran Hodgson presents his new show *Lance*

FOLLOWING a phenomenal sell-out run at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Foster's Comedy Award Nominee Kieran Hodgson is grabbing his bike and taking his show *Lance* on the road with his debut national tour.

In 2003 Lance Armstrong won his 5th consecutive Tour de France, an achievement watched by a young and impressionable Kieran Hodgson from his West Yorkshire home. *Lance* is the hilarious story of growing up and moving on in the wake of a betrayal by your hero.

As well as displaying his impressive and hilarious live character comedy, Hodgson has appeared in BBC's Jonathan Creek and Count Arthur Strong as well as E4's Drifters and the box office smash Alan Partridge: Alpha Papa. Kieran also has a guest role in the upcoming second series of the BBC Three hit comedy Siblings.

Kieran Hodgson brings *Lance* to Exeter's Bike Shed Theatre on February 4th. For more details visit www.bikeshedtheatre.co.uk

In The Mix: A Creative Kaleidoscope

THE latest exhibition at Ilminster Arts Centre brings together an outstanding collection of Somerset artists. The participating artists have never exhibited as a group before so 'In the Mix' will be an exciting opportunity for visitors to see the work of these talented individuals together under one roof for the first time.

A creative kaleidoscope of different media, approaches and styles, the exhibition will have a wide appeal to general visitors, plus plenty of temptation for serious collectors of contemporary art.

Participating artists include Louise Allen, whose garden inspired oil paintings draw on her life-long love of gardens and gardening, Steve Cobbin an acrylic landscape

painter who has recently returned to his easel after a successful teaching career, Juliet Farnese an illustrator who also 'draws in wire', creating sculptures that capture the essence of her equestrian subjects, and Trisha Hayman a natural history watercolourist. Acrylic is Andy Jordan's medium of choice – and one that he uses to depict landscapes, cityscapes and coastal scenes, in a crisp contemporary style. Other featured artists are Louise Waugh whose oil paintings express her appreciation of the visual world around her and in particular the lanes and hills of West Somerset; Fiona Winter, who explores architecture, history and narrative through mixed media compositions, and landscape painter

Annie Wood, whose paintings celebrate the glory of the countryside around her home on the Somerset/ Dorset borders.

Exhibition co-ordinator Sue Bishop says of the show, "In the Mix is a fascinating combination of artists and we are looking forward to seeing how their work res-

onates together in the beautiful setting of the Arts Centre gallery."

The 'In The Mix' exhibition runs from January 25th to February 13th at Ilminster Arts Centre. Open 9.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday, and 9.30am to 2.30pm Saturdays. Admission is free.

Stewart Francis is... The Pun Gent

STEWART FRANCIS, the star of *Mock The Week*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* and *Live At The Apollo*, embarks on a brand new stand-up tour, starting in Spring 2015 and extended into 2016 after phenomenal demand with his fantastic, hilarious new show *Pun Gent!*

Stewart has devoted this show to his father, who was a roofer. So dad – if you're up there? He and his wife have decided they don't want kids. If any one does, they can drop them off tomorrow. Oh he's just kidding of course, he has a beautiful daughter who he named after his mum, and in fact passive aggressive psycho turns five tomorrow. On an unrelated matter, Stewart likes what mechanics wear... overall.

With Stewart Francis it's all about puns. And he's a gent. If time is money, Stewart's the man to do your shopping for he'll fill every minute with comedy bargains in the form of non-stop quick-fire gags, rarely giving you time to cease giggling until the next one starts. And it's not cheap produce either, previous goods winning awards such as Dave's Funniest Joke Of The Fringe Award 2012 and earning him a reputation as one of the finest comics around. Quite simply, the service Francis pro-

vides is good old-fashioned joke telling with a hook, punch-line and a dose of panache thrown in for good measure. So where's the catch? Well there probably is a pun-related answer, but only word wizards such as Stewart Francis could find one.

Having received international acclaim, in the US, UK and his native Canada, Stewart moved to the UK on a Tuesday in August, 2007 following successful appearances at the Edinburgh Fringe, sell-out nationwide tours and numerous TV appearances. Since then he has continued to sell out venues, appear on TV (besides *Mock The Week*, *Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow* and *Live At The Apollo* he has been in *8 Out Of 10 Cats*, *Dave's One Night Stand*, and even *Celebrity Mastermind*) and supported Ricky Gervais on tour. He is also an actor and writer, credits including *Not Going Out* and *The Omid Djalili Show*.

Along with Craig Campbell and Glenn Wool he is also a member of comedy trio The Lumberjacks, who have performed at the Edinburgh Fringe and throughout the UK.

Stewart Francis brings *Pun Gent* to the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, February 6th. Doors open 7.15pm. Tickets are £18.50 available by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marine-theatre.com

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Caroline Hill – Director of Sales and Marketing, C G Fry & Son said: "Lea Place is proving very popular and we are holding the 'Open Weekend' for the new releases and the opportunity to view the fabulous three and four-bedroom private homes for sale. It's a particularly special event as the normal sales office opening hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 10am – 5pm. Also it's a great chance for buyers to take advantage of the Government's 'Help to Buy Scheme' to purchase their dream home."

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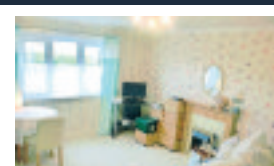


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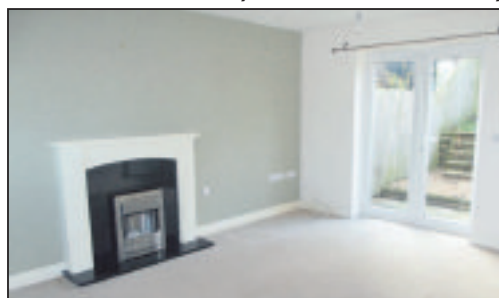
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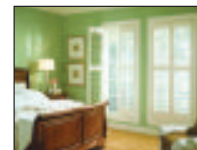
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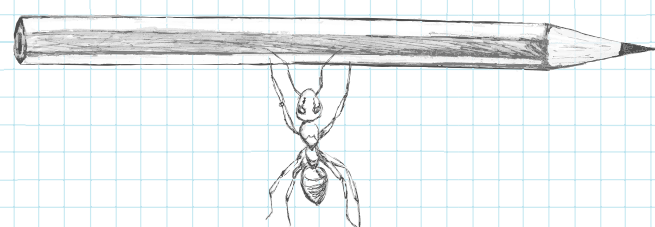
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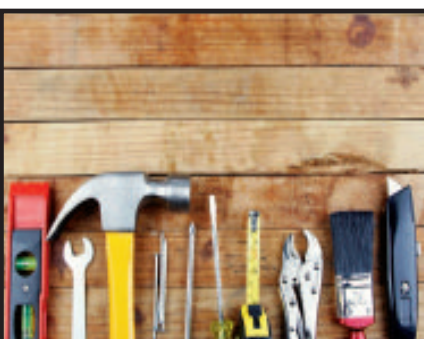
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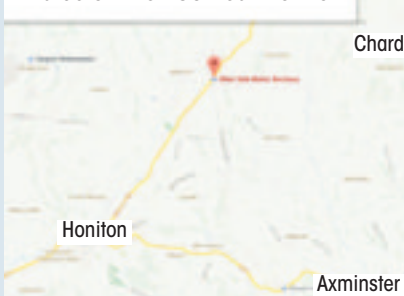
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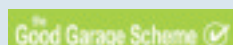


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Electric cars achieve five years' growth in a single year

PLUG-IN vehicle registrations reached a record high in 2015 as 28,188 new ultra low emission vehicles (ULEVs) arrived on UK roads – more than the past five years' totals rolled into one. The switch to electric power marked a 94% annual rise compared to the previous year – while the popularity of plug-in vehicles shows no sign of slowing with an even greater selection of ULEVs due to be launched in 2016.

Analysis by government and motor-industry-backed Go Ultra Low reveals that ULEV registrations for 2015 eclipse the 21,486 total of plug-in vehicles sold between 2010 and 2014. Plug-in power is becoming a mainstream option for drivers alongside petrol and diesel powered cars as more plug-in vehicles make up the 2.6m new cars registered in 2015.

Fuelling the demand is a greater choice of models, with 30 pure electric or plug-in hybrid cars now available in the UK, ranging from high-performance sports cars to capable family run-arounds, and more are on the way in 2016. Last year, the plug-in hybrid vehicles proved most popular among motorists, with 18,254 registrations, a 137% increase on 2014. Fully electric vehicle sales increased 48%, recording 9,934 registrations.

Transport Minister Andrew Jones MP said, "The UK has one of the fastest

growing ultra-low emission vehicle markets in the world and these record figures show more and more people across the country are enjoying the benefits of this cheap-to-run and green technology.

"British drivers have a wider choice of vehicles than ever before and we have increased our support for plug-in vehicles to £600 million over the next five years to cut emissions, create jobs and support our cutting-edge industries."

Head of Go Ultra Low, Poppy Welch, said, "This sustained level of growth represents how plug-in vehicles are becoming the norm for drivers who want to buy a fun, economical, stylish new car. Now, instead of facing high running costs, motorists can reap the rewards of an economical ultra low emission vehicle, which can save the typical car owner hundreds of pounds every year. With this growth showing no signs of stopping, it's proof that electric car ownership is the new normal. Now, it's not a question of will motorists choose electric, but when."

Local trends

With 9,186 ULEVs registered, the South East of England proved to be the region that saw the most new electric cars, each enjoying assistance from Government's Plug-in Car Grant (PiCG). The next biggest regions taking advan-

tage of the contributory funding were the South West ranked second (4,420) and the West Midlands third (3,371).

Every region of the United Kingdom recorded improved year-on-year registrations for plug-in hybrid cars, while almost all areas of the country experienced growth in pure electric car registrations.

Plug-in bestsellers

As registrations of all fully electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles continue to soar, uptake of particular makes and model of ULEV has also increased among drivers who have made the switch to electric power. The top three bestselling EVs make up just over a third of all plug-in sales, demonstrating how there is a plug-in vehicle for every occasion. From sports cars to family-orientated SUVs, there are 27 other plug-in cars for drivers to choose from.

The Mitsubishi Outlander PHEV rules registrations for the second year running, 118% up on the previous year's figures. The top three is intact without change as the Nissan LEAF ranks second with a 29% hike in uptake while the BMW i3 continues to enjoy popularity among motorists, coming third once more with registrations 59% up year-on-year.

Future market

Government anticipates that 5% of new car registrations (around 100,000

units) will be ultra low emission by 2020 – an expectation that appears on track in light of recent growth. As more motorists look to manage running costs, a money-saving end goal could be providing the momentum for the surge in electric vehicle popularity.

Electric cars can be driven for as little as 2p per mile, compared with 10-12p for a conventionally powered car. Furthering their appeal, the variety of city, family, SUV and sports cars provides the practicality mo-

torists crave, while some boast hybrid range of up to 700 miles.

Go Ultra Low exists to help motorists understand the benefits, cost savings and capabilities of the raft of ultra low emission vehicles on the market. The collaborative campaign is the first of its kind, bringing together a consortium of leading vehicle manufacturers, Government and the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

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The new MINI John Cooper Works convertible

POTENT, race-bred John Cooper Works performance is now available as an open-air experience, with the debut of the new MINI John Cooper Works Convertible this spring.

This new model uses the same 2-litre TwinPower Turbo engine as found in MINI John Cooper Works Hatch, complete with its impressive 231hp and 320nm of torque. So equipped, this latest addition to the MINI Convertible range can reach 62mph from rest in 6.5 seconds, before reaching a top speed of 150mph.

To harness this powerful engine the suspension, braking and cooling specification of the MINI Convertible has been suitably upgraded. The MINI John Cooper Works Convertible runs model-specific suspension settings, with a bespoke braking system and larger intakes to in-

crease cooling capability. The design alterations to the body not only aide aerodynamic performance, but also give the MINI John Cooper Works Convertible its own aesthetic appeal.

Inside, John Cooper Works sports seats and sporty trim touches create the perfect ambience for the enthusiast driver, and can be complemented by a wide range of optional extras, including MINI Media Pack XL featuring MINI Connected.

Engine: power and torque gains for John Cooper Works Convertible

The latest John Cooper Works specification engine comprises turbocharging integrated in the exhaust manifold, petrol direct injection with injectors arranged centrally between the valves, VALVETRONIC fully variable valve control, and variable

camshaft control on the intake and exhaust side (double VANOS). This is combined with modifications that give the engine of the MINI John Cooper Works Convertible an additional 39hp over the standard Cooper S model. The main focus has been on developing a new turbocharger, made of a highly temperature-resilient material, which delivers more boost. The pistons have also been specified accordingly, enabling a higher compression ratio. The result is a maximum torque of 320nm at just 1,250 rpm through to 4,800 rpm, while at 5,200rpm the engine supplies its peak power output of 231hp – maintained at a constant level until 6,000 rpm.

The performance figures illustrate the potency on offer: the sprint from 0–62mph takes 6.6

seconds with the manual transmission (automatic: 6.5 seconds), and the top speed is 149mph (150mph). The John Cooper Works sports exhaust system is especially noticeable during top-down driving: with its reduced exhaust backpressure, it both contributes to a spontaneous power delivery and also generates the sound typical of the John Cooper Works models.

MINI John Cooper Works Convertible benefits from a number of efficiency measures which also have been introduced on other models, including MINI John Cooper Works Hatch. For example, the auto start/stop function can now be used in conjunction with the Steptronic transmission, and the standard MINI Driving Modes include the GREEN mode, which supports an efficient driving style. If the Steptronic transmission is fitted, it is possible to use the coasting function at speeds of between 30–100mph, as soon as the driver removes their foot from the accelerator pedal. The result is impressive fuel and emissions

figures: the new MINI John Cooper Works Convertible achieves an average fuel consumption of 47.9mpg (43.5mpg) and a CO2 emissions level of 152g/km (138g/km).

Transmission: six-speed manual or Steptronic automatic gearbox

The standard 6-speed manual transmission is characterised by low effort and short shift distances. A 'rev matching' function built into the manual transmission ensures jerk-free clutch engage-

ment, thereby enhancing comfort when shifting down a gear.

The optional 6-speed Steptronic sport transmission combines excellent efficiency with smooth yet fast gear changes. In manual mode it's possible to change gear using shift paddles at the steering wheel. Furthermore, in conjunction with the MINI Navigation System the transmission is able to take account of the route profile in automatically controlling gearshifts.



▲ MINI John Cooper Works Convertible

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The new E-Class – the most intelligent business saloon

MERCEDES-BENZ is taking a big step into the future with the new E-Class. The tenth-generation business saloon delivers stylish highlights with its distinct, emotive design and high-grade interior. The new E-Class also brings numerous technical innovations. They enable comfortable, safe driving on a new level plus a new dimension in driver assistance – among other things – along with infotainment and control systems offering an all-new experience. Likewise exemplary are the newly developed diesel engine coupled with lightweight design and record-breaking aerodynamics figures that set the standards for efficiency in this segment, while new, optionally available multi-chamber air suspension ensures outstanding ride comfort and driving dynamics. The sum total of its innovations, including the Active Lane-change Assistant which allows the driver to steer into the selected lane as if by magic, make the E-Class the most intelligent saloon in the business class.

"The E-Class is the core of the Mercedes-Benz brand and in the past has repeatedly redefined the standards in the business-class segment. Now it carries this tradition into the future with a wealth of top-class innovations. The new E-Class takes another major step towards fully autonomous driving. In addition, it enhances efficiency, safety and comfort, reduces the stress level when driving and intensifies motoring pleasure," said Prof Dr Thomas Weber, Member of the Board of Management of Daimler AG, responsible for Group Research and Mercedes-Benz CARS Development.

Coupé-esque and powerful

The new E-Class is sophisticated, confidently stylish and sporty. Compared with its predecessor, its wheelbase has grown by 65 millimetres (2939/2874), and its overall length by 43 millimetres (4923/4880). Its design displays hallmark Mercedes-Benz saloon proportions. The elongated bonnet coupled with a coupé-esque roof flowing into a sensual, broad-shouldered tail end creates an exciting silhouette. The powerfully extended vehicle body is characterised by short overhangs, a long wheelbase, large wheels and taut well-defined flanks displaying a fresh, stylish and dynamic interpretation of the feature line. All of which allows the E-Class to deliver the perfect take on the Mercedes-Benz design philosophy: Sensual Purity.

A powerfully designed front end underlines the status of the business-class saloon aspires to, boasting a different face for each design and equipment line. The base version features the classic Mercedes radiator grille with the star on the bonnet, as does the EXCLUSIVE line – albeit in an even more elaborate fashion. The AVANTGARDE and AMG Line models are identifiable by the sports radiator grille with a large Mercedes star as its centrepiece. In the UK all models will be offered exclusively with the sports radiator grille. Each of the radiator grille designs lends the E-Class a distinct character, offering a unique degree of diversity that makes each different model stand out.

At the rear end, broad shoulders above the rear wheel arches lend the E-Class its unmistakably powerful character. Single-piece tail lights featuring a two-bar design framed by the vehicle body clearly identify the E-Class as a new member of the Mercedes saloon family. Optionally available rear lights provide an additional highlight reminiscent of stardust, the Milky Way or the glow of a jet engine. This "stardust effect" is created by innovative reflector technology with a specially configured surface structure for the tail lights and is making its debut appearance on the new E-Class.

Next level interior design

The interior of the new E-Class embodies the synthesis of emotion and intelligence, poles that are defined by the Mercedes-Benz design philosophy – distinct forms with a sensual flow to them. Optional extras include two next-generation high-resolution displays, each with a wide screen diagonal of 12.3 inches – a first in this segment. Beneath their shared glass cover, the two displays visually conflate into a wide-screen cockpit that seems to be hovering in thin air, creating a central element that emphasises the horizontal orientation of the interior design. As the instrument cluster, this wide-screen cockpit contains a large display with virtual instruments in the direct field of vision of the driver as well as a central display above the centre console. The driver can choose between three different styles to select their preferred design for the wide-screen instrument cluster: "Classic", "Sport" and "Progressive".

In addition, touch-sensitive control buttons ('Touch Controls') on the steering wheel make their first appearance in a car. Like a smartphone interface, they respond precisely to horizontal and vertical swiping movements, allowing the driver to control the entire infotainment system using finger swipes without having to take their hands off the steering wheel. In keeping with the motto "hands on the wheel, eyes on the road", this allows achieving minimum driver distraction.

Further controls for the infotainment system are provided in the shape of a touchpad with controller in the centre console, which can even recognise handwriting, and the LINGUATRONIC voice control system. There are also direct-access buttons for controlling functions such as the air

conditioning system or – in another first – for convenient activation and deactivation of certain driver assistance systems.

A new, intelligent graphic design with high-resolution visualisations and animations, together with a simplified logic, further enhances this all-new operating experience. At the same time, the occupants enjoy a sensual interior with spacious architecture, which combines the elegance of the luxury class with accomplished sportiness.

Intelligent material design

High-quality materials define the interior style. They include open-pore woods, wood in a yachting look with flowing lines as a contemporary interpretation of inlaid wood and a novel metal fabric. The use of authentic materials is continued in the leather-covered doors and the beltline for selected lines. Another Mercedes hallmark clearly in evidence is the high-quality look and feel created through meticulous attention to detail and craftsmanship.

Just as carefully composed is the material/colour concept with various shades of brown, including new attractive colour combinations such as nut brown/macchiato and saddle brown/macchiato. This allows a personalised interior design.

Lighting atmosphere with 64 colours

The interior lighting makes exclusive use of durable, energy-saving LED technology. The same applies to the enhanced ambient lighting included in the lines. With 64 colours, it offers a host of possibilities for personalisation. It adds touches of light, for example, to the trim parts, central display, front stowage facility on the centre console, handle recesses, door pockets, front and rear footwells, overhead console, and tweeters (if the vehicle is equipped with the Burmester® high-end 3D surround sound system).

Seat design: first class

A further highlight of the new E-Class is its seats. Their ergonomic, sculptural form combines Mercedes-Benz's hallmark suitability for long journeys with a refined, sporty look, featuring a unique design for each line. Another new feature in this segment is a Heat Comfort package including heated armrests in the doors and on the centre console.

The rear bench seat in the new E-Class Saloon comes with the option of a three-piece backrest with a 40% – 20% – 40% split, making it exceptionally versatile. Integral features of the centre armrest include a stowage box and two pop-out drinks holders. There is also the option of a holder for a tablet PC for the rear passengers.

New engine generation

The new E-Class will come with a choice of two engines at market launch: the E 200 with a four-cylinder petrol engine and the E 220 d with an all-new four-cylinder diesel engine. In the UK the range will start with the E 220 d.

Further model variants will be added to the range after the market launch, including the E 350 e featuring hybrid technology. The PLUG-IN HYBRID impresses with its dynamism and efficiency, allowing around 30 kilometres of purely electric and therefore locally emission-free driving. Its four-cylinder petrol engine, in conjunction with a powerful electric motor, gives it a total system output of 205 kW (279 hp) with a system torque of 600 Nm. With this set-up, the E 350 e achieves the performance of a sports car yet consumes less fuel than a small, compact-class car.

The most powerful diesel variant will boast a six-cylinder engine incorporating advanced SCR exhaust technology, with an output of 190 kW (258 hp) and a peak torque of 620 Nm.



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Late Melville strike finally breaks Bow

Marsh hat-trick sees Vikings slip – Cheers! Beer send Tigers clear

SW Peninsula League D1 (E)

AXMINSTER TOWN 1 BUDLEIGH SALT 1
AFTER last week's abandoned game it was good to see the weather had improved as the Tigers welcomed local rivals Budleigh Salterton.

The first half saw both teams having equal amounts of possession without much action in the final third and an evenly contested 45 minutes ended 0-0.

Axminster took the lead almost immediately after the turnaround when from a goal kick was flicked on by Adam Cole into the path of striker Luke Finn who beat the keeper.

The Tigers almost doubled their lead when some good inter play between Jon Hurford and Liam Cleal created a great opportunity for Finn but his effort hit the crossbar.

At 1-0 Budleigh were not out of the contest as they began to up the tempo and eventually equalised in the 78th minute scoring from a close range header.

A minute later a driving run from the hard working Finn found substitute Ben Vine free six yards out only for him to sky his shot high and wide.

Axminster, clearly the better side, pressed for the winner but Budleigh saw out the game comfortably in what was an entertaining draw.

APPLEDORE 4 SIDMOUTH TOWN 2

SIDMOUTH had to travel to Appledore without top scorer Cameron Vere who was nursing a rib injury from a midweek trampoline accident, and a very late, withdrawal from midfielder Gary Dixon who cited family reasons.

Never the less The Vikings started well with debutant Manuel José Sánchez Morales—some exquisite touches.

In the 15th minute, and against the run of play, Appledore scored after what looked a certain foul on another debutant Jake Allen who was tackled from behind as he was just about to shoot.

The referee waved play on and Appledore's Shipwick cleared the ball which turned into a defence splitting pass that eluded Sidmouth's Griffiths and Newbery and allowed Tom Marsh with any easy opportunity.

The hosts then turned on the style with Ross Middleton running the show.

On the half hour Sidmouth failed to clear a routine cross and another easy chance presented itself to Marsh who smashed past Sidmouth keeper Bowring.

Ten minutes later Allen missed a glorious opportunity to pull one back after failing to hit the target after finding himself in acres of space at the back post.

After the interval Sidmouth knew that they had to get the next goal to make a contest of it, however it was the impressive hosts that struck with Marsh completing his hat-trick.

Sidmouth were now looking ragged and Appledore smelt blood and scored a fourth goal on the hour through Harry Stevens.

The Vikings changed formation and introduced Craig Hodgson and Ben Burrows and this had the desired effect.

In the 70th minute Allen scored a goal of the season contender –

Burrows crossed ball from out wide on the right and Allen hit a volley that flew into the top corner.

Sidmouth soon found a second with Burrows of the provider again, the lively winger crossed into the box and a rash defensive clearance smashed off Hodgson and past the stranded home keeper.

With ten minutes left Appledore were reduced to ten men when Burrows was chopped down and five minutes later the ball fell to Sidmouth's right back Farrington but he blazed over.

Vikings: Bowring, Farrington, Newbery, Griffiths, White, Wellman, Davies (Capt), Sánchez Morales, Evans, Allen, Swingler. **Used Subs:** Hodgson & Burrows.

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BEER ALBION 2 BOW AAC 0

Premier Division

BEER jumped out of the bottom three of the Premier Division with a 2-0 victory against fellow strugglers Bow AAC at the Furzebrake on Saturday writes Richard Honnor.

It was the Fishermen's first home league win of the season and a welcome three points but it was not a convincing performance with the visitors in control for long periods but unable to convert their superiority into goals.

Yet the Fishermen started well and were gifted a sixth minute goal when the Bow keeper palmed Chris Long's corner into his own net.

But the visitors came back strongly and Beer's back line were at full stretch to keep out the lively Bow forwards.

Beer then enjoyed their best spell of the match and on 15 minutes might have increased their lead when Richard Walker put James Melville through one-on-one with the keeper but his toe-poke went narrowly wide.

But Bow came back strongly and created chances of their own, the best of which came on 43 minutes when their striker shot into the side netting after rounding Westlake.

The second half was dire from Beer's perspective. On 46 minutes Bow were unlucky not to equalise when a fierce volley crashed against the crossbar.

The visitors were finding lots of space down and totally dominated the first 20 minutes.

Again Bow hit the woodwork and spurned several half-chances before Beer finally woke up on 65 minutes and created two good chances.

The first fell to Long who shot wide and then to the tireless Melville who again beat the keeper to the ball but was foiled by a retreating defender.

But Bow and they should really have equalised on 84 minutes when their striker put the ball wide as keeper Westlake advanced to narrow the angle.

A minute later they hit the woodwork yet again after carving open the Beer defence.

As the game went into added time Westlake kept his side in the game with a good save.

Then on 92 minutes Beer nailed the points with a rare moment of quality when Walker's cross was headed home by James Melville.

Beer's man-of-the-match was

awarded to James Melville by match sponsor Jimmy Green Marine Sail Surf and Snow but Bow's Alex Bowden earned the overall award for a splendid performance at the heart of Bow's midfield.

MORCHARD BISHOP 2

AXMINSTER TOWN RESERVES 6

Division Four

PLAYING against the wind in the first half Axminster survived a few scares in the first 15 minutes before and taking control.

Ollie Hignet opened the scoring on 25 minutes with a cracking volley from the edge of the area.

On the stroke of half time the Tigers conceded a penalty which was duly converted.

Axminster started the second half slowly and the hosts took the lead. But a switch to a 3-4-3 formation saw the Tigers dominate the rest of the game.

Stuart Broom levelled the score, Dan Beer scored a fine hat-trick and Driekes Etoar added a sixth five minutes from time.

MILLWEY RISE RESERVES 1

EXMOUTH AMATEUR 3RDS 1

Division 9

MILLWEY Club chairman Dougie Thompson should be given great credit for getting the Cloakham Lawn pitch in a playable condition, although it was still very sticky and players found it difficult to get the ball away from their feet. As a result game was very disjointed.

Exmouth created the first real chance in the 10th minute when home keeper Terry Male made a great save to deny the visitors.

After 20 minutes Matt Rocket ran through the Exmouth defence to fire a low shot into the net to give the home side the lead which they retained at the break.

The second period saw many attacks by the visitors either blunted by a resolute Millwey defence or denied by some excellent goalkeeping from MoM Male.

Millwey could have increased their lead on a couple of occasions but the chances went begging.

And they were punished when Exmouth drew level in the 85th minute when a free kick was tapped in through a crowd of players with the goalkeeper unsighted.

In addition to Male, Joel Seward and Jack Bennett put in good shifts.

D&E round-up

with Collin Goodwin

VETERAN Phil Everett showed his class to help Feniton back to the top of Premier.

Everett was MoM and one of the scorers as Fenny won 5-2 at Seaton Town. Dan Norman netted a brace against his old club, Paul Dowling and a Charlie Selley penalty completed the scoring.

Elmore enjoyed an emphatic 7-1 victory at Chard Town, and should have had double figures after being 5-1 ahead at the break. Jamie Barfoot netted the Robins' consolation.

Honiton scored either side of half-time from Joe Mulhall and Jack Knight on the way to beating Heavitree 2-1 whose Dexter Booth goal got them well back

into the game for a tense second half.

Newton St Cyres were too hot for Clyst Valley winning 5-1 thanks to doubles from George Chamberlain and Paul Ruddock. Tarji Jones also scored.

Hatherleigh Town recovered from two down to beat Willand Rovers 4-2. Rob Knight with a hat-trick and John O'Donoghue scored.

An own goal and then a James Melville strike earned Beer Albion a welcome 2-0 win against Bow AAC.

Alphington sprang a big shock in Division One with their 2-1 victory against Uptonery.

Exmouth Amateurs pulled three points clear after despatching Colyton 5-0. Sidmouth Town won their local derby at home to Budleigh Salterton 3-0, Rikki Pitter, Ferenc Boder and Joe Miller on target.

Henry's Cronies won the big match in Division Two beating top of the table Exeter University 3-2. Two goal Mike Benyon did the trick with Ryan Burrows also scoring.

In Division Four Ottertton had to be patient to better Feniton 4-0 in Division Five, but after Matt Lidstone broke through, Stu Tuley (2) and Adam Rolls consolidated.

In Division Seven Ryan White and Kieran Endacott both scored twice for Elmore as they pounded Seaton Town 7-0.

Sam Bevis, Matt Thomas, Ryan Fifer, Adam Caddy and Alfie Jacques scored for Lyme Regis in a comfortable 5-1 win at Wellington Town.

Dean Voaden and Craig Way both scored twice for Lapford who were 5-1 winners at Feniton in Division Nine.

RESULTS

FRESHA DEVON & EXETER

PREMIER

Beer Albion 2, Bow AAC 0.

Chard Tn 1, Elmore 7.

Clyst Valley 1, Newton St Cyres 5.

Hatherleigh Tn 4, Willand Roy 2.

Honiton Tn 2, Heavitree Utd 1.

Seaton Tn 2, Feniton 5.

DIVISION ONE

Alphington 2, Uptonery 1.

Exmouth Amateurs 5, Colyton 0.

Sidmouth Tn 3, Bud Salterton 0.

DIVISION TWO

Hemyock 1, Dawlish Utd 6.

Henry's Cronies 3, University 2.

Tipton St John 1, Halwill 0.

DIVISION THREE

University 1, Chagford 1.

DIVISION FOUR

Countess Wear 2, Axminster Tn 6.

Fluxton 6, Morchard Bishop 1.

DIVISION FIVE

Feniton 0, Ottertton 4.

Kentisbeare 3, Alphington 2.

Ottery St Mary 3, Beer Albion 0.

Priory 0, Starcross Generals 5.

DIVISION SIX

Dunkeswell Rov 1, Royal Oak 2.

Stoke Hill 3, East Budleigh 1.

Woodbury 1, Whipton & Pinhoe 9.

DIVISION SEVEN

Elmore 7, Seaton Tn 0.

Langdon 1, Cheriton Fitzpaine 4.

Wellington Tn 1, Lyme Regis 5.

DIVISION EIGHT

Lymstone 0, Cranbrook 2.

Sidmouth Tn 3, Stoke Arms Utd 1.

DIVISION NINE

Feniton 1, Lapford 5.

Honiton Tn 4, N Poppleford 7.

Millwey Rise 1, Exmouth Am 1.

Uptonery 3, Axminster Tn 0.

FIXTURES

PREMIER

Bow AAC v Willand Rovers

Clyst Valley v Hatherleigh Town

Elmore v Chard Town
Feniton v Newton St Cyres
Newtown v Heavitree United
Seaton Town v Exwick Villa
Topsham Town v Beer Albion

DIVISION 1

Budleigh Salterton v Exmouth Amateurs
Colyton v University
Heavitree United v Alphington
Uptonery v Lymstone
Wellington Town v Bickleigh
Westex Rovers v Sidmouth Town

DIVISION 2

Chulmleigh v Culm United
Dawlish United v Tipton St John
Halwill v Cullompton Rangers
Henry's Cronies v Lyme Regis
Newtown v East Budleigh
University v Exmouth Town

DIVISION 3

Chagford v University
Exmouth Amateurs v Langdon
Lapford v Topsham Town
St Martins v Newton Poppleford
Tedburn St Mary v Cheriton Fitzpaine
Thorverton v Clyst Valley
Woodbury v Axmouth United

DIVISION 4

Amory Park Rangers v Morchard Bishop
Bampton v Fluxton
Honiton Town v Axminster Town
Lords XI v Bow AAC
North Tawton v Pinhoe
Sampford Peverell v University

DIVISION 5

Alphington v Hatherleigh Town
Beer Albion v Kentisbeare
Ottery St Mary v Uplowman Athletic
Priory v Halwill
Sandford v Awilscombe United
Starcross Generals v Ottertton

DIVISION 6

Dunkeswell Rovers v Winkleigh
East Budleigh v Exwick Village
Royal Oak v Newton St Cyres
Silvertown v South Zeal Utd
Stoke Hill v Woodbury
Whipton & Pinhoe v Ilminster Town
Winchester v Millwey Rise

DIVISION 7

Bradinch v Wellington Town
Lyme Regis v Central
Offwell Rangers v Langdon
Pinhoe v Elmore
Tivvy Park Rangers v Seaton Town

DIVISION 8

Bickleigh v Cranbrook
Exmouth Spartans v Ottery St Mary
K&M Polonia v Sandford
Lymstone v Chagford
Sidmouth Town v Bampton

DIVISION 9

Honiton Town v Uptonery
Kentisbeare v Axminster Town
Millwey Rise v Tedburn St Mary
Newton Poppleford v Exmouth Amateurs
Wetheridge v Amory Green Rovers

PERRY STREET LEAGUE

by Howard Larcombe

HAWKCHURCH United cruised through to the quarter-finals of the Daisy Hutchings cup with an 8-2 win at Division Three outfit Charnmouth.

The hosts took the lead but the Hawks recovered to lead 3-1 at half-time with goals from Stuart Weir, Jamie Harris and an OG.

Late arrivals Gavin Herrod and Jack Larcombe came off the bench after coming straight from the airport after a skiing holiday, and both got on the score sheet in the second half as did James Mitcham, Dan Richards while another OG completed the scoring.

Next Saturday the Hawks return to Division One League action with the visit of Beaminster Reserves (2pm).

After a having no fixture, FARWAY UNITED are due to head off to take on Merriott Dynamos in Division Two.

Down in Division Three two goals from James Henley helped FARWAY UNITED RESERVES to a share of the points after a 2-2 draw at Crewkerne Rangers Res.

Next weekend the Farway second-string are in Reg Eglyn Cup action at Drimpton Res

rugby chard rfc

Frustrating home defeat for Chard

SOUTH WEST DIVISION ONE

Chard 20 Wells 27

THE Chard ground was heavy for this South West League fixture and the home side looked to have an early ascendancy in the set scrums.

They went ahead within five minutes of the kick off, winning a penalty at a scrum on the visitors' twenty two and with Dowse's place kick splitting the uprigths.

Wells settled, and much of the ensuing play took place in home territory. The home defence coulded however and the nearest Wells came to levelling was with a penalty goal attempt that fell short.

The home lead was increased in the 25th minute mark when they kicked a penalty to the corner, won the ensuing lineout and drove the Maul over the visitors' line at some space, with Jenkins coming up with the ball.

The try remained unconverted, but I thought that Chard were worthy of their lead at this stage with their edge in the tight becoming more and more pronounced.

They seemed to lose focus around the end of the half however when they took issue

with a marginal "not straight" call made by the referee and were penalised as a consequence. Wells attacked from the penalty and, after several phases, won another which they converted.

Chard suffered a sin binning at this stage and surrendered the momentum that they had established during the first half hour.

This fact became evident within a minute of the restart. A speculative kick out of the home defence was gathered on halfway by one of the visitors' big lads who galloped into the home twenty two before offloading to a colleague who got over by the posts. The try was goaled and Wells led 10-8.

Chard regained momentum however and pressurised the Wells defence through their scrummage. They won several penalties close to the visitors' line before the referee lost patience and awarded the penalty try. Dowse added the extras and Chard led 15-10.

Wells rallied and with ten minutes left tapped a penalty in midfield, breached the home defence and got over by the posts for a converted try. They kicked a penalty a cou-

ple of minutes later also and now led 20-15.

But Chard were not done. They kicked a penalty to the corner and drove over from 15 yards with Helliar last up. The kick to take the lead slid just wide and the scores were now tied at 20-20.

Wells mounted one last attack as they sent the ball wide, switched and changed the point of attack where they had an overlap. The ball carrier was tackled in possession however but, from the ensuing set scrum, they found space on the narrow side and sniped over. Although the touchdown came out wide, the conversion was successful.

Chard had little time to respond and frustratingly lost a game they had controlled for much of the time. They enjoyed a very distinct edge at the set scrums and their lineout worked well throughout.

They suffered a couple of bad periods, having allowed one or two marginal refereeing calls to affect their focus. During these comparatively short periods they became at odds with themselves, authority and the game itself, and their opponents prospered accordingly.

Chard 3rd 39 Crewkerne 2nd 12

THE home side had the game sewn up by the interval at which point they led 27-0.

Crewkerne did come back into the contest during the second period with a couple of tries of their own, but a touchdown by man of the match, Wayne Lewis, together with a debut senior score by Ellis Lewis saw the home side run out comfortable winners in the end.

SW Div 1	Pld	+	-	Pts
Camborne	16	315	65	
Thornbury	15	196	54	
Bridgwater & Alb	14	55	49	
Newent	14	84	47	
Bideford	16	51	47	
Drybrook	15	99	45	
Weston-super-Mare	14	64	40	
Wells	16	-50	35	
Clevedon	13	7	30	
Avonmouth OB	15	-66	26	
CHARD	14	-84	24	
Teignmouth	15	-240	20	
North Petherton	16	-189	19	
Coney Hill	15	-242	4	

jack high bowls round-up

Honiton Ladies march on in Yetton Trophy

HONITON with Julie Grant

HAVING won the plate last year, another England title is the aim for Honiton Ladies 2016 and re-soundingly beating Plymouth 91-53 by winning on all four rinks the Ladies are now into the final 16 clubs in the country.

The Lane Honiton Ladies also had an overall win against Ply-mouth mainly due to the winning triple of Carol Armitage, Tilly Tiller & Heather Chambers 26-8. In mixed friendlies Honiton won and lost being generous to Exonia who won 84-69 but with a Honiton winning rink of Yvonne Williams, Bob Mackintosh, Thelma Flynn & Bill Nicholls 28-1.

Against Ottery St Mary Honiton won 80-52, top rink was achieved by Di Hawkins, Liz Fielding, Tony Williams & Pat Whitworth.

MERRIOTT SMBC

with Anne Weeks

FOLLOWING the Christmas break, Merriott has been very active on the mats. After their heavy defeat in the Milford & Dormer League at Chard by the Harlequins the Canaries had another thrilling game against the

Hurricanes.

For six ends the Canaries held the lead but dropped their form for a while, pulling back to 11-11 after the 13th end.

With all to play for on the final end the two skips were faced with a tricky head where the jack was just 14 inches from the edge of the mat and two opposing bowls resting on each other just an inch from the jack.

The Canaries had the final shot and their skip's bowl just nudged the touching bowls but sadly, also softly touching the jack which trickled slowly off the mat and gave two shots away, result-ing in another loss for the Canaries at 11-13 but what a thrilling match.

The evening before Merriott played host to South Petherton with the visitors leading at half time by eight points. However, the hosts got everything to-gether for the second session and pulled off a 51-37 win.

Saturday saw a team partici-pating in the East Coker Givle League.

Their first match against Som-erset Youth was a needle game with family rivalry at stake!

Grandfather was playing for Mer-

riott and his 15-year-old grand-son playing for the youth team.

Merriott triumphed 11-5 but it was to be their last win of the day as Somerset Youth team went on to win the final two games.

ILMINSTER with Des Maul

ILMINSTER Ladies played near neighbours DONYATT in the first round of the Double Rink with Ilminster winning at home, losing away, but winning 44-30 overall.

Details: Home, Myra Childs, Norma Pugh, Dot Whelan & June Checketts 30 Jean Jones 7; Away, Heather Grinter, Sarah lightfoot, Jill Parker & Penny Stow 14 Carol Parsons 23. Ilminster now play Purnell in the next Round.

On Sunday the COUNTY UNDER 25S were the visitors in a three rink friendly with the visi-tors winning 70-46.

Details Ilminster: Steve Web-ster, Anthony Bickle, Sam Web-ster & Kevin Hamilton 11 Reece Williams 28; Brian welch, John Pemberton, Colin White & Roger Lench 21 Sam Steel 16; Kevin Crouch, Colin Osborne, Cyril Cox & Dave Crouch 14 Jack Groves

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AXMINSTER with David Harris

IN the mixed friendlies we started the new year with a 36-57 home defeat to the NOMADS with only Sue Stevenson, Morris-son Brown, Pam Hunter & Brian Clark managing a win (20-12).

Next up we were beaten 70-85 at BRIDPORT with our best re-sults being two ties - Pam Hunter, David Harris., Neil Solomon & George Mabon (21-21) and John Packham, Margaret Brown, Malcolm Denslow & Mar-garet Crompton (21-21).

We then enjoyed a 74-48 suc-cess at home to CHARD with wins on all rinks - Ann Clayton, Margaret Brown, John Hill & Brian Clark (27-15), Morrison Brown, Alan Nabarra, Malcolm Denslow & Margaret Crompton (26-16) and Pam Hunter, Brian Smith, Jean Kesterton & Derek Pheby (21-17).

We then lost our final mixed friendly 55-82 at home to OT-TERY ST MARY with no winners although Phil White, Margaret Brown, David Harris, and John Hill were pipped on the last end.

The men lost their County

Over-60s match with TORBAY 96-70 overall despite an excel-lent 25-12 win for of Mike Hen-negan, Sid Milburn, Doug Looskan & John Gough.

The Ladies played two County 'Lane' games in Quick suc-cession.

Firstly they lost 53-74 against PLYMOUTH with an excellent 18-13 win for the away rink of Brenda Edwards, Phil White, and Ann Clayton and were unlucky to lose by one shot against TORBAY with the home rink of Alison Glyde, Margaret Ball & Margaret Crompton winning 23-13 and the away rink of Joan Quick, Jan Par-sons & Judith Moffit unlucky to only tie 18-18 after a luckless 16th end when they lost six shots.

Ann Clayton put up a great show in her Ladies 'Champion of Champions' national game against Dawn Konetsky from DAWLISH and was unlucky to lose 15-21.

Finally, Brian Cursley, John Packham, George Mabon & Bob Sherborne represented the Club in a Vice Presidents game at HONITON and did well to come away with a 25-8 win.

darts round-up

COLYTON & DISTRICT

RESULTS (1001/PAIRS FIRST):Week 12: Seaton FC B 2(4) Kingfisher A 3(2); Kings Arms B 3(4) Colcombe Castle 2(2); Golden Hind 4(3) Seaton Saints 1(3); Kingfisher B 1(1) Seaton FC A 4(5); Beer Club B 1(2) PJ's 4(4).Week 13: Seaton FC A 4(4) Golden Hind 1(2). 180s: Flynn Jones (PJs); Danny Larcombe (Colcombe Castle); Dave Dack (Seaton FC B); Kevin Searle, Mark Fisher (Seaton FC A).

1001/Pairs	Pld	Pts	Singles	Pld	Pts
Seaton FC A	12	54	Seaton FC A	12	57
Seaton FC B	11	43	Seaton FC B	11	45
PJs	11	37	Kings Arms B	11	41
Kingfisher A	11	30	Kingfisher A	11	40
Golden Hind	12	29	Golden Hind	12	35
Kings Arms B	10	22	PJs	11	34
Beer Club B	10	22	Vault	10	26
Vault	10	20	Beer Club B	10	25
Colcombe C	11	15	Kingfisher B	11	25
Seaton Saints	10	13	Colcombe C	11	19
Kingfisher B	11	12	Seaton Saints	10	13

CREWKERNE

THE annual inter-league competition was recently hosted by the Kingsbury Super League side at the Rusty Axe in Stembridge. Teams of eight from the Crewkerne, Yeovil, Chard and Kingsbury leagues competed in a round-robin competition.

The Crewkerne League team of; Kev Harris, Chris Studley, Dave Egton, Chris Adams, Louie Roper, Paul Lawrence, Nigel Lamb and Clive Wills won the com-petition which also raised over £150 for charity.

The Crewkerne League hosted a mixed pairs competition at Merriott Social Club on January 7th, which will now be-come an annual event in memory of committee member Pat Wills.

This was well attended with 32 pairs entering. The competition was won by Louie Roper & Beth Dickinson with Rod Mer-ritt & Susie Bell as runners up. All proceeds from the competition will be do-

nated to St. Margarets Hospice.

The League Division One pairs competition was held last Thursday. The Winners were Kev Dalwood & Gordie Fitzpatrick with Chris Adams & Simon Whatley runners up.

Division One	Pld	Pts
Hot Shots	10	82
Can't Say	9	68
Allsorts	9	66
Royal Oak (Crewk)	8	63
Mighty Oaks	8	63
Happy Hooters	8	57
Jokers	7	53
Cats Eyes	8	38
Madrid Reserves	7	29
Halfway to Paradise	9	27
Clubbers	8	18
Waffy Crankers	8	17
Del Boys	9	13

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Dartaholics Anon	8	64
Rosie's Rebels	8	59
Raging Bulls	9	56
Who Knows	9	54
The Bandits	9	54
The Dartside	8	52
Double Trebel	8	37
No Skill, Just Lucky	7	35
Globetrotters	8	20
Lou's Crew	8	20

tee off golf round-up

Iced tees at Honiton!

AXE CLIFF with Peter Motson

THE Seniors played their first Medal competition of the New Year.

In first place, with a nett score of 70, was Rob Heard (HC 15), second with a nett 73 was A Bishop (HC 27) and in third, with a nett 76, was T Strong (HC 6). Tony Strong was the only player to record a 2.

The Ladies section found a weather window and played their 4th Winter League match in some lovely winter sunshine. The stableford format results were; M Kenchington 1st, Anne Jarvis 2nd and 3rd was Jill Wellington.

HONITON with John Pawley

THE Ladies were lucky again this week in that the course was open for play. However, due to frost early Wednesday morning, the Stableford qualifier became a non-qualifier as all holes had temporary greens.

Although it was sunny, it was very cold and only eight brave ladies entered the competition.

All divisions were joined together for allocating the prize money. Jackie Seager was first with 33 points followed by Sue Ritchie with 30 points.

Other ladies did take the opportunity to enjoy the golf and improve their winter eclectic scores. Meanwhile, 41 hardy souls ventured on Friday to com-pete in a senior Stableford competition combined with the 3rd round of the Winter Eclectic.

A dusting of snow and ice, allied to a saturated course, provided unusually testing conditions. The wintry conditions made all aspects difficult, especially putting on the snow/ice covered winter greens. Mal-colm Matthews emerged victorious in Division One with 32 points beating Dave Morgan on count-back. Stan Squire, Alan Pollock and Bill Eaton followed closely behind.

Steve Blundell triumphed in Division Two with 29 points nudging ahead of Norman Runciman and Mike Delaney on count-back, followed by Bill Phillips and Tom Tunncliffe.

All 26 golf balls on offer in the Two's competition were won by David Ive who chipped in for the only 2 of the round at the second hole.

football six-a-side

Champs crowned

WITH two games still remain-ing Lads on Toure wrapped up the inaugural Axminster Leas-ure Leagues six-a-side title.

The team have long looked the most likely to take the sil-verware, and duly delivered this week as Olli Binnion took the eye in their 3-1 cruise against already relegated The Tools.

Tugas Team went a long way to sealing the second spot to a 2-0 win against 50 Shades Of O'Shea.

Stop The Bus will be playing in the top division next season after squeaking home by the game's only goal against Care-homessouthwest FC.

games there was a rare goal-less draw between Millwey Maddos and Uplyme & Sinker.

The new season starts on March 3rd, anyone who wants to join can ring 0333 123 2340 or visit www.leisureleagues.net

Premier	Pld	GD	Pts
Lads on Toure (C)	12	39	22
Tugas Team	12	21	16
Lokomotiv SR	12	18	14
Pinkpanthers AFC	12	13	13
50 Shades Of O'Shea	12	-4	11
The Tools	12	-44	4
Ramos Army	12	-33	5

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Stop the Bus	12	22	21
Tekkerslovakia	12	24	19
Six Offenders	12	20	16
Valarreal	12	4	12
Uplyme & Sinker	12	-7	9
Carehomessouthwest	12	-8	7
Millwey Maddos	12	-22	7

netball honiton

Division One;

Hi Q 41 Otters 17, Flamin-gos 23 Upwoman 45, Tip Top Trees 28 JD Tyres 14, Signs SW 16 Sidmouth TC 24.

Division One	Pld	GD	Pts
Hi Q	10	223	30
Upwoman	8	149	22
Flamingos	9	143	22
Otters	9	102	22
Sidmouth TC	18	-82	15
Tip Top Trees	7	-112	8
Signs South West	8	-118	6
JD Tyres	10	-305	1

DIVISION TWO

Pixies 25 Swaggemamas 46, Blackdown Ladies 9 F & P Panthers 41.

Division Two	Pld	GD	Pts
F & P Panthers	11	175	31
Howden Hawks	9	86	23
Sidmouth Toucans	10	23	19
Otter Valley	9	38	18
Pixies	10	-39	18
Blackdown Ladies	11	-59	17
Swaggemamas	10	-77	13
Beer Blazers	10	-147	0*

football youth round-up

Ottery in county quarter final

Brixington U10 O

Ottery St Mary 2

OTTERY St Mary U10's eased into the quarter finals of the Devon FA Cup on Saturday at Brixington with a superb all round team perform-ance.

The young Otters took early command of the game and open the scoring when Freddie Clarke slotted the ball in the net with a confident finish.

The second half was more of the same and again the pressure paid off when Jack Carpenter coolly netted from the edge of the area into the bottom cor-ner.

Ottery remained in control and never looked like conceding, especially with out-standing perform-ances from defenders Jake Blackmore and Ash Whitcombe.

Otters team; Zach Wilkinson, Ash Whit-combe, Jake Black-more, Sam Gleeson, Jack Carpenter, Fin-lay Giles, Robbie Lar-combe, Dan Wright and Freddie Clarke.

Axminster Town 2

Perry Street 5

AXMINSTER gave a good account of themselves against a more experienced Perry Street Side in Friday's friendly.

The half time score

was 1-1 apiece, as the game went on the Perry Street's experience showed through and they ran out 5-2 winners.

Axminster Town 13

Copplestone Rangers 0

THE young Tigers set about the oppo-sition with relish and went into half time leading 7-0.

The second half continued in the same vein and the Tigers went on to score another six goals.

Goalscorers were; Charlie Bye (4), Archie Knox (3), Billy Knox (3), Zack Featherstone (2), Devon Ellis

angling ilminster aa Rockin Robin

ELEVEN Ilminster AA members actually managed to get on the River Isle on Sunday for round six of the Royal Oak League.

The top four weights all broke double figures with Robin Cox (Ilminster) leading the way with a fantastic net of chub and roach weighing 26lb 10oz from peg 128 at Isle Brewers, Rob caught on the pole and double maggot.

Bruce Hunt (Tiverton) was second with 13lb 2oz of small fish on the whip and maggot from Hambridge and Jamie Rich (Aigst Men and Fish) was third with two big chub and some roach for 11lb 4oz from peg 129.

After six matches Graham Field leads the league with seven points followed by Robin Cox (9) and Justin Charles (10).

Sections: A – Steve Parker (Ilminster) – 4lb, B – Justin Charles (Ilminster) – 11lb 2oz.

There is a V.E.S. match next Sunday and the draw is at Coxes Bridge at 8.30am.

starter's orders running news

Runaway Jake takes tape

HONITON RUNNING CLUB

with Judy Davy

HONITON junior Jasmine Stone travelled to Stover last Saturday to take part in the DEVON SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Jasmine represented the Kings school, Ottery St Mary in the year 7 race and was very happy to finish 6th and qualify to represent Devon in the South West Championships to be held at Cheltenham in February.

There was a good size turn out of Honiton runners at the FIRST CHANCE 10k last Sunday. This is a traffic free start and flat course in Exeter's Riverside Valley Park.

The race was won by Tom Mereson who set a new course record of 30 minutes 10 seconds winning £100 for his efforts.

The weather was perfect for running and several of the Honiton runners managed pb's.

Hadleigh Davies had only grabbed a place at the last minute and led the Honiton runners home finishing 110th in 43:02.

Sam Pollard was next back coming 230th in 49:08 and he was fol-

lowed by Jay Sweetman (243rd in 49:28) who had left Tony Peek (269th in 50:56) at the four-mile marker having run together until that point.

The first lady for Honiton was Linda Pike who had a fantastic run coming 273rd in 51:05. However, the stand out result for Honiton was an ecstatic Wendy Williams who smashed her PB finishing 366th in 56:21.

Other Honiton runners: 323 Nick Thorpe 53:53, 338 Phil Hall 55:07, 343 Teresa Pollard 54:58, 370 Clare Melbourne 56:21, 375 Sandra Thorpe 56:38, 402 Bernice Bastin 58:43, 409 Sam Shute 58:47, 414 Joanne Davey 59:20, 450 Ashlah Jarrald 1:02:27, 480 Dawn Peek 1:03:14 and 495 Vanessa Glyn-Jones 1:09:11. There were 515 finishers.

AXE VALLEY RUNNERS

with Dave Mutter

Caitlin and Jake Smith ran in the DEVON SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS at Stover School on Saturday afternoon.

Caitlin was first up in the Junior Girls' race of two small loops



◆ ALL SET: Honiton Running Club members pictured before Sunday's First Chance 10K

around the muddy circuit, a total distance of 3km.

She started in the middle of the pack and was 6th after the first circuit, before working her way further up the field to finish 3rd overall, the first Year 8 finisher in the race.

It was then Jake's turn in the Senior Boys' race over a total distance of 6.5 km. He got away quickly and lead from the start, steadily increasing his lead every lap to eventually win the race by around 10 seconds and take the

Devon Schools County title.

The pair will now hopefully move on to run for Devon in the South West Championships in Cheltenham before the National Championships in Nottingham in March.

Garry Perratt raced on Saturday for the first time in ages, competing in the DIRTY DEVIL DUATHLON at the Bovington Tank Range in Dorset.

He was pleased with his performance, finishing 8th in 1:21:28, seven minutes behind the winner and first over-50.

on the frontier – skittles round-up

COLYTON LEAGUE

Div 1: Gerrard A 298 (H Hawkins 71) Lamb B 311 (D Lucas 60); Sidbury Stones 334 (M Sweetland 59) Axe Con A 381 (T Darling 74); New Inn A 363 (N Jones 68) Honiton Con D 334 (M Wakley 62); Tuckers Arms B 365 (K Pratt 67) Colyton Club A 353 (R Tedbury 65); Lamb A 335 (S Pomeroy 66) Cloakham B 320 (M Enticott 69); Red Lion Cavaliers 412 (H Harris, W Phillips 76) Vine B 399 (G Wright 80); Hon WMC A 337 (Chris Larcombe 59) Colcombe A 346 (R Parsons 64);

Div 2: Eagle Tavern 371 (M Jackson 70) Mountbatten Whites 369 (A Webb 76); Wheelwright A 315 (P Squires 68) Sheepwight A 307 (M French 55); Beer B 347 (D Hutchings 68) Volunteer A 330 (S Thornton 70); Honiton Converts 395 (A Rose 73) Colcombe Beerboys 368 (P White 66); Offwell A 394 (B Grant 79) Gerrard B 335 (J Wheeler 69); Vine A 350 (P Eveleigh 72) Red Lion A 351 (S Flint 67); Cloakham Wanderers 385 (G Hayball 76) Ship C 334 (R Gush 63);

Div 3: Beer Albion 324 (J Cobbold 59) Beer Vikings 327 (S Jackson 64); Honiton Con BTP 340 (Roz Williams, I Wilson 61) Three Tuns Hammers 333 (O Rice 68); Ship A 349 (P Ives 62) White Hart B 366 (N Pritchard 66); Volunteer B 301 (S Isaac 58) Beer A 320 (J Newberry 57); Tuckers A 357 (S Thomas 72) Red Lion Sid 369 (J Beaton 72); Colcombe B 364 (M Bleaken 69) Wilmington Harts 359 (J Ship A Honiton Con BTP 340 (Roz Williams, I Wilson 61) Three Tuns Hammers 333 (O Rice 68); Ship A 349 (P Ives 62) White Hart B 366 (N Pritchard 66); Volunteer B 301 (S Isaac 58) Beer A 320 (J Newberry 57); Tuckers A 357 (S Thomas 72) Red Lion Sid 369 (J Beaton 72); Colcombe B 364 (M Bleaken 69) Wilmington Harts 359 (J Ship A Honiton Con BTP 340 (Roz Williams, I Wilson 61) Three Tuns Hammers 333 (O Rice 68); Ship A 349 (P Ives 62) White Hart B 366 (N Pritchard 66); Volunteer B 301 (S Isaac 58) Beer A 320 (J Newberry 57); Tuckers A 357 (S Thomas 72) Red Lion Sid 369 (J Beaton 72); Colcombe B 364 (M Bleaken 69) Wilmington Harts 359 (J Ship A Honiton Con BTP 340 (Roz Williams, I Wilson 61) Three Tuns Hammers 333 (O Rice 68); 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Proud Marcus carrying local flag in British team

THERE are exciting times ahead for Honiton-based Marcus Wyatt who, after being selected into the British Skeleton team, spent much of the first half of last year training in Austria, Germany and Norway before the real competition begins later on this year.

Marcus (24), works part time at the Tuckers Arms, Dalwood when he returns home explained: "I spent the summer training at home whilst having training camps once a month in Bath with our



◆ THE MAN UNDER THE LID: Marcus Wyatt

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coaches and the senior athletes. "When October came around it was time to go back out training as the weather was cold enough for the tracks across the world to start to open up again.

"Up until Christmas we spent our time training in Sigulda (Latvia), Lillehammer (Norway), Winterberg (Germany) and Lake Placid (USA) managing to complete 70 or so slides in the first half of the season.

"I will be in Königssee, Germany later on this month before returning to Lake Placid in March where me and my fellow 'talent squad' athletes will compete in our first ever race in the North American Cup when we will be going up against some tough American and Canadian sliders who will be vastly more experienced than us.

"The idea of this is to give us our first taste of competition before

the next winter season, where hopefully we will compete on the eight-race Europa Cup circuit.

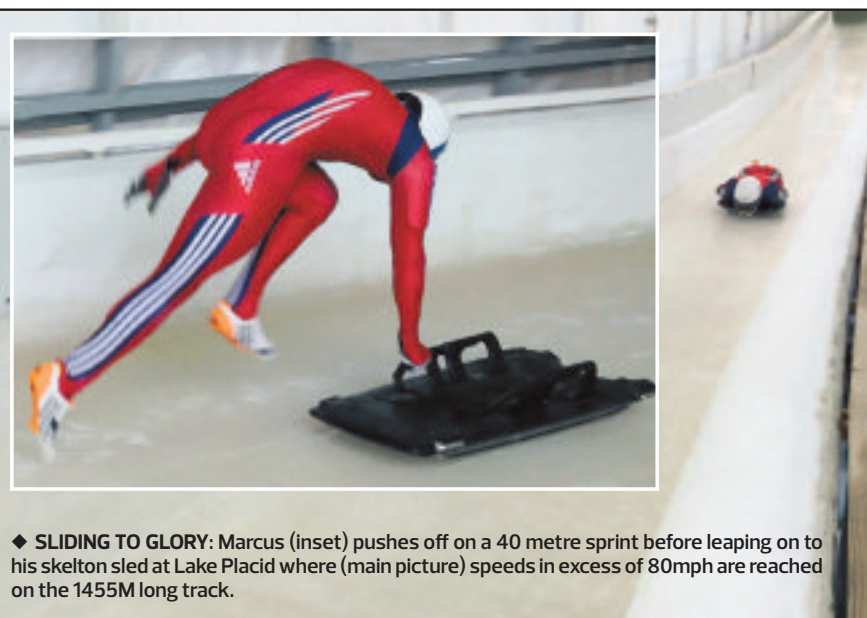
"After this our group will become senior athletes and will move to Bath to be centralised with the coaches and other athletes in order to live and train full-time.

"At this point we will become funded athletes. However, this is only a small amount of financial support and I am currently looking for personal sponsorship.

"I am able to offer a wide range of support for those interested including company logos on my kit, race suit and sled which will be seen by many across the countries we compete and train in as well as the UK.

"In addition I can offer strong support on my active social media accounts and website which is currently being set-up.

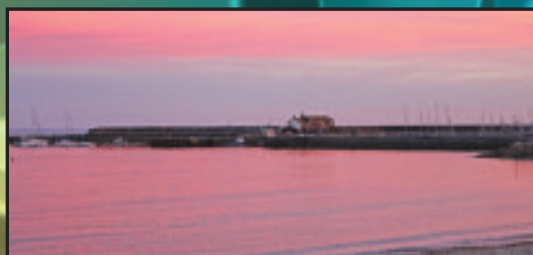
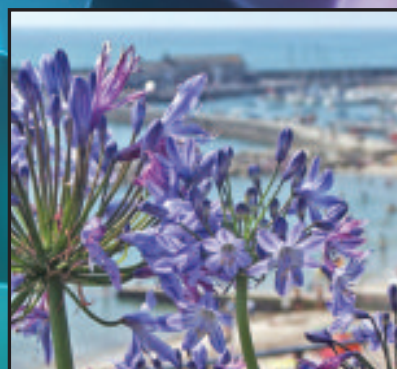
"If you are interested in any of these or have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me via Marcus-wyatt@hotmail.com. You can follow me on twitter at @marcuswyatt14."



◆ SLIDING TO GLORY: Marcus (inset) pushes off on a 40 metre sprint before leaping on to his skelton sled at Lake Placid where (main picture) speeds in excess of 80mph are reached on the 1455M long track.

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